



# Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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## Programs

Pam Overton

I hope you enjoyed our March speaker, Colleen Carlson. Her tips and techniques on Facing Bindings were excellent. I've had lots of positive feedback from the guild members. So much so, that you'll probably see her again next year. She has an interesting lecture on Precision Piecing.

We have a busy Spring and Summer ahead of us! I'm happy to report that our meetings in April, May, June and July will all be "in person" at the church!

Our speaker in April is Shelley Swanland. For those of you that have been members for a while, you will certainly remember Shelley who is known for her unique cathedral window technique. She was last at the guild in 2016 so it's time to see what she's been up to lately!

Her topic is A Quilter's Journey, From Embellished Quilts to Cathedral Windows and Back Again

"In today's Quilt World we do it all and anything goes.

Although I spent the last 25 years promoting my Machine Stitched Cathedral Window Technique, I have tried many

other techniques and have a particular love of Embroidery and Embellishment. This lecture is a lighthearted look at my journey from Quilting to Embellished Wearables to Cathedral Windows and how creating Quilts brought me back to my love of embellishment, embroidery and silk ribbon. The Trunk Show includes lots of Embellished Samples, Quilts including Cathedral Windows and a few

Embellished Garments.

And now let's jump ahead to May when our guest speaker/teacher will be Rami Kim. As you know Rami will be offering a workshop for us. We are offering her 3-D Folded & Padded



Hexagons, Quilt & Bag. One by one, colorful hexagons are folded, padded, quilted, and connected together by machine, resulting in a cohesive quilt-bag pair. No need to add backing and binding! Make the quilt, make the bag, or make both!

The cost for the workshop is a bargain - \$45. Please send your checks, made payable to SMQG, to Pam Overton 672 17th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. This is the first workshop we have offered since Robb Appell's workshop (pre-pandemic) in February 2020! It's time! We hope you'll support our efforts to bring workshops back to SMQG. We hope you'll join us!

To learn more about Rami Kim, please visit her website. <https://csi.fkb.mybluehost.me>.

In June we will once again offer Quilt College. We have a few demonstration topics in mind but we're hoping that there are some in the guild who would like to volunteer to share their expertise in a demonstration format. Let's talk!

July means it's time for our summer potluck. Those working on the mystery quilt will hopefully have quilt tops to share and we plan to reach out to two or three of our members to entice them to be our "Featured Quilters" and share some of their quilts with us. It's always fun to see what others are working on.

Our August (Bob Purcell from YLI Threads) and September (Julia McLeod) speakers are locked in. In the meantime, I'm researching additional speakers.

The SCCQG Meet the Teachers is coming up on April 11 and there are a number of new teachers slated to share a sampling of the lectures and workshops that they offer. We will send out the registration link soon so you can join the meeting if you want to review some of the teachers' offerings.

If you have ideas for future speakers at the guild, please let me know.



## President

**Laurie Reyen**

Happy Spring! (Even though it felt more like summer last week.) After the initial jolt of springing forward, I am enjoying the evening daylight. I am really looking forward to our next 4 months of meetings where we will be live and in person. Pam, our programs chair has lined up a great roster of speakers and activities for the months to come. Have you signed up for our workshop with Rami Kim in May? Take a look at her website ([mybluehost.me](https://csi.fkb.mybluehost.me)) and see some of her beautiful work.

Other things to look forward to this spring are a fabric sale, Member Tea and Quilter's College. On a more business-like note, we will be reviewing the proposed revisions to our By-laws at our April meeting. Please take a moment to look over the document when it arrives in your mailbox. See you on April 8!

## **Philanthropy**

**Cindi Garacochea**

No report submitted

## **Hospitality**

**Prima Casetta**

April is an in-person meeting, the first for this year. Members with last names beginning H through M (and anyone else who feels like it) are kindly requested to bring a sweet or savory snack to share while we enjoy an evening together. Thank you!

## **Membership**

**Donna Heiderman**

It has been a quiet month on the membership front. Please continue to reach out to people and invite them to join our guild.

Save the date...

Members' Tea June 20, 2026

## **Opportunity Quilt**

**Donna Heiderman**

The drawing for our Opportunity Quilt will be at our May 6th guild meeting.

Please bring your filled-out ticket stubs and money to our in person guild meeting on April 8th. If you will not be at the meeting in person, please make arrangements to return your stubs and money to either the Quilt House or me. I can be reached at 310 614-8197.

We're still planning to take our opportunity quilt to a few other guild's meetings before we draw the winning ticket in May. Are you available to help? Please contact Pam.

## **Vice President**

**Allison Leong**

We are continuing with the Mystery Quilt now. Step 4 has been released, and folks are working at their own pace. Some of the steps are piecing with older methods. Certainly, there are newer and more efficient ways to piece some of the parts although participants wouldn't know what part is being made unless they waited to look at the next steps.

I learned from previous mysteries that I was not interested in piecing half square triangles by stitching together two triangles. I like faster piecing. I don't even cut all of my fabric until I can look at the upcoming steps to see what parts are being made. Perhaps this defeats the purpose of the mystery quilt project, but it fits my personality better. As with all quilting, projects can be molded to each of us as individuals.

If anyone has a suggestion for the next guild wide project please let me know. Hopefully we will have a few completed Mystery tops to show at the July meeting/potluck. Then we can start the next project. Meanwhile, happy quilting and stitching.

## Ways and Means

Perla & Blair

And we're back . . . hoping to see many of you at our April in-person meeting. We are looking forward to any donation of fabric, notions, thread, yarn, books or magazines. Anything new always stirs up interest.

As a reminder, magazines are 25 cents, books are \$1 each. Everything else will be given a generous price estimate.

We will have three lovely layer cakes for door prizes, please purchase tickets to support your guild. Door prize tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Happy Easter or Passover. Hope to see you April 8.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ❖ Beach Cities Quilt Show April 18
- ❖ Camarillo Quilters Vendor Show April 25
- ❖ Orange County Quilters Show May 2
- ❖ SMQG Meeting May 6 Rami Kim
- ❖ SMQG Workshop with Rami Kim May 7, 2026.  
Sign Up with Pam Overton
- ❖ **SMQG FABRIC SALE MAY 9 3744 Wasatch Ave. Mar Vista 10am to 2 pm**
- ❖ SMQG Meeting June 3 Quilters College
- ❖ SMQG Members' Tea June 20

### FABRIC SALE

to benefit the Santa Monica Quilt Guild

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

3744 Wasatch Ave., Los Angeles 90068

All fabric premeasured

**\$2 per yard**

**10 am - 2 pm**

In preparation for the FABRIC SALE, Our One Big Fundraiser, we could use your help in preparing the fabric for sale. Tuesday or Saturday from noon to 5 or call me to volunteer another day. Kennalee



Minutes of SMQG Meeting - March 4, 2026

Meeting convened at 7:01 pm by President, Laurie Reyen.

Motion to approve the February meeting minutes by Pam Overton, seconded by Lani Hee. Approved.

Motion to approve the February Treasurer's report by Barbara Spielberg, seconded by Pam Overton. Approved.

Program Chair, Pam Overton introduced our guest speaker, Colleen Carlson. Colleen presented a lecture on Facings. Colleen covered six different facings: 1. Pillowcase Facings; 2. Pillowcase Facings with slit in the back; 3. Oval frame facing; 4. Mitered Facings; 5. Overlap Strips Facings; 6. Covered Corner Facings. Our speaker provided information to download a free PDF download pattern for Covered Corner Facing. Go to [www.quiltjudgecolleen.com](http://www.quiltjudgecolleen.com) to download the pattern.

Board Reports:

Membership and Opportunity Quilt (Donna Heiderman). Carol Thomas renewed her membership. Opportunity quilt was at the SBQG Quilt Show and a recent Temecula Retreat.

Philanthropy (Cindi Garacochea). Cindi commented on the recent "tie-ins" and thanked Catherine Baxter for arranging for the space at SAMOHI. One more "tie-in" is scheduled for the last Saturday in March.

Vice President (Allison Leong). Step 2 for the Mystery Quilt has been sent out. If anyone is still interested in participating, they should contact her.

Programs (Pam Overton). Pam pointed out that our normal April meeting date falls on the first day of Passover, so she proposed moving the meeting to the following week, April 8. All agreed. Upcoming speakers: April - Shelley Swanland; May - Rami Kim; June - open, possible Quilters College; July - Potluck, Mystery Quilt Reveal, show and tell for "Faced" quilts; August (on zoom) - Bob Purcell, Thread Mastery; September (on zoom) - Julia McLeod, Lone Robin lecture; October (in-person) - TBD; November (in person) - TBD; December - Holiday Potluck and meeting.

Treasurer/Newsletter (Kennalee Mattson). No report

Old Business. Bylaws are under review by the board.

New Business. None

Show and Tell - included Allison Leong's February stitching page, quilts from the recent Tie-In.

Door Prizes were awarded to: 1. Sally Madigan, 2. Laurie Risk, 3. Donna Heiderman, 4. Prima Cassetta, 5. Sylvia Henry, 6. Kennalee Mattson, 7. Sonja Daniels

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm by President, Laurie Reyen.

2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS  
See Roster For Contact Information

President	Laurie Reyen
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Treasurer	Kennalee Mattson
Newsletter Editor	Kennalee Mattson
Membership	Donna Heiderman
Philanthropy	Cindi Garacochea
Program/Workshop	Pam Overton
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Ways and Means	Perla Rothenberg and Blair Seibert

Appointed Officers

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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: April 15, 2026

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS AT THE BOARD MEETING**

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- June 2026, South Dakota Quilt Adventure (watch for more information).

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Marianne Simpson  
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