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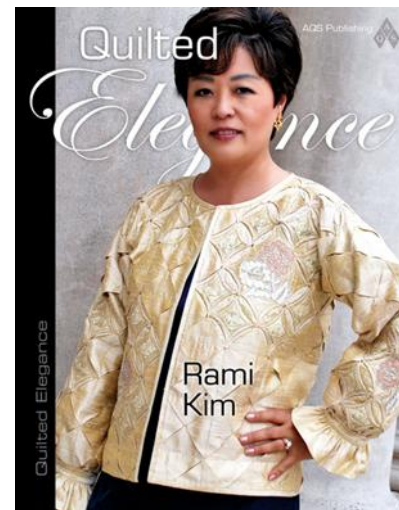
Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 6 p.m. In Person and Zoom!

Programs

Pam Overton

Wasn't that a great trunk show that Shelley Swanland shared with us in April? I had forgotten how inventive and creative her cathedral window technique is.

Our guest speaker in May is Rami Kim. Rami Kim is a DNA scientist-turned fabric artist/quilter/instructor known nationally and internationally. She is a 19-time Best of Show winner, distinguished for her innovative art-to-wear. Her passion is in contemporary art-to-wear, quilts, cloth dolls and bags with special interest in 3-dimensional textures and she is known for her own distinctive colors and techniques. Her first book, *Folded Fabric Elegance*, published by AQS, is about her 3-D texturing techniques and new projects. Her second book, *Quilted Elegance* (also published by AQS), focuses on reversible wearable arts, bags and two-sided quilts. The third and most recent book, *Elegant Cotton, Wool, Silk Quilts* was published in autumn 2012.



She graduated from Seoul National University majoring in Chemistry and University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) majoring in endocrinology and worked at the Cancer Research Institute at UCSF before her passion and talent in fabric art drastically changed this biochemist's career years ago.

Her lecture will be Two by Two. This trunk show is Rami's new, fun way to showcase her award-winning pieces. Whenever Rami creates an art to wear ensemble, she makes matching quilts, bags, and dolls with the same designs and techniques. Over the years, she developed so many matching pairs that she wishes to share these fun and beautiful sets, and to talk about how the same techniques and designs can be incorporated into different projects as wearable arts, quilts, dolls and bags. Since her trunk show includes wearable art she has requested models to help show her items. We will need six to eight models (sizes 12-16). Please contact me



to let me know you can help. No special requirements except perhaps wear something neutral that night so her garments shine!

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. We do have spaces available in the workshop. Please send your checks, made payable to SMQG, to Pam Overton 672 17th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. We can also accept payment by Zelle. Just let me know you're signing up and then Zelle the \$45 to kennaleem@aol.com. 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 join us and support our efforts to bring workshops back to SMQG.

Feel free to invite your friends to join us in the workshop and/or at the meeting. 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 one volunteer so far. Do you have something you want to share? Please let me know soon so we can begin to plan our curriculum!

There were 24 teacher presentations this year at the SCCQG Meet the Teachers meeting. We did record the presentations. You'll find a link on the home page at sccqg.org. There is also a listing of teachers and where they are in the recording. We want to include speakers and workshops that are of interest to all of our members so take a look and see if there are some teachers there that we should bring to the guild. If you have ideas for future speakers at the guild, please let me know.

President

Laurie Reyen

Hello to you all! Can't believe May is upon us. I always think of May as the beginning of a season of celebration. Very soon we will be celebrating mothers, fathers, graduates and in some cases weddings and new babies. Our quilts are often part of those celebrations. As I look at my list of upcoming celebrations, I realize I better get busy at the sewing machine!

I am glad that in the spring and summer we have the opportunity to gather in person and celebrate each other and our work. April's meeting showed off not only the work of our speaker Shelley Swanland, but also the great work so many of you are doing. Please continue to share what you're up to with us all.

We have a lot to look forward to this spring. We have a workshop with our May speaker Rami Kim on May 7 - there is still time to sign up! We have our fabric sale on May 9. We have our Member's Tea on June 20. Hope to see you all there!

Philanthropy

Cindi Garacochea

In the last month SMQG made two donations to Miriam's House, a sober living place for women and children in Mar Vista.

The first group of quilts, provided by Pam Overton, went to the children and babies. The children enjoyed choosing a "special blanket" for themselves.

The following week a second group of quilts were donated, it included our hand tied quilts and traditional quilts donated by members. That group of "special blankets" went to the mothers. They were very appreciative and happy to be remembered too.

Miriam's House said they could always use more children and baby quilts, especially baby sizes.

Hospitality

Prima Casetta

Members with last names beginning **N through Z** are kindly requested to bring a sweet treat or a savory snack to share. Last month we had a cookie fest! Thanks to all those who brought them.

Membership

Donna Heiderman

We had two members renew in the month of April so we are 49 members strong. Please save the afternoon of June 20th for SMQG's Members Tea. Invitations have been emailed.

Opportunity Quilt

It's Finally Here! The drawing for the SMQG Opportunity Quilt will be held at our in-person meeting on Wednesday, May 6th. Please bring your payments and filled out stubs to the meeting so that you will be entered into the drawing. I will be there a few minutes early to collect tickets and money and also sell extra tickets. If you are not able to be at the May 6th meeting but have ticket stubs and money to return, please call me (Donna) at 310-614-8197 to make arrangements for getting them turned in before May 6th. Good luck to all of you and thank you for making our raffle a success.



Vice President

Allison Leong

We are more than halfway through the Mystery quilt. Some are working with the pace of the weekly steps and others at their own pace. I hope we will have some completed tops to show at the July potluck meeting.

The SCCQG Meet the Teachers meeting was this month. We heard presentations from 23 speakers. We have actually heard close to half of the speakers in the past though many have added new lectures to their repertoire. The meeting was taped so if you have any desire to check out some of the speakers, you can access it through the SCCQG.org.

Guild member input is welcome for choosing future speakers or workshops. I found several I was interested in and will make a list for Pam our Program Chair. If you like a speaker, you can go also to their website to see what else they speak about or if they are speaking at another guild that you can tune in to. Or possibly a remote/on demand class.

Hope all are quilting happily away!

Ways and Means

Perla & Blair

As you saw in April, the Ways and Means table was full of goodies. May is around the corner, and we hope to repeat April's great sales. We look forward to donations of fabric, notions, thread, yarn, books or magazines. Anything new always stirs up interest.

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

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

Hope to see you in May.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ❖ Orange County Quilters Show May 2
- ❖ Quilting in the Valley 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 10 am to 2 pm**
- ❖ SMQG Meeting June 3 Quilter's College
- ❖ SMQG Members' Tea June 20

Secretary

Sheila Cummins

Minutes of SMQG Meeting - April 8, 2026

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm by President Laurie Reyen.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

No discussion. The March meeting minutes and March Treasurer's report were approved.

Board Reports

Membership (Donna Heiderman) The Guild has 49 members, including returning member Emily Watts. A Member Tea is planned for June 20.

Opportunity Quilt (Donna H.) The winner of the quilt will be drawn at our May meeting. Get your tickets and money to Donna at or before the meeting!

Vice President (Allison Leong) The 2026 mystery quilt is in full swing. Send your photos to Susanne Cole if you would like them featured on social media. The Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds will meet on Saturday, April 11. Sign up at their website to receive the Zoom link for the meeting. This will be a "Meet the Teachers" meeting. Contact Allison if there is a speaker you would like to see at a Guild meeting.

Program Chair (Pam Overton) Rami Kim will be our May speaker and will be giving a workshop on the Thursday following the meeting. We are planning a Quilter's College for June and are looking for faculty. Susanne Cole volunteered to demonstrate a technique. If you have an idea of something you'd like to present, please get in touch with Pam.

Ways & Means (Perla and Blair) Back in business after a few months' hiatus. There are 3 layer cakes for door prizes and lots for sale. Please come by and shop!

Recording Secretary (Sheila Cummins) No report.

Newsletter (Laurie for Kennalee Mattson) Send your articles for next month's newsletter to Kennalee and/or Laurie. The Chatty Quilter is a fun addition to the newsletter.

Philanthropy (Cindi Garacochea) Our next tie-in will be on Saturday, May 30. We have 3-4 quilts remaining to tie. Cindi shared examples of finished tied quilts that she will donate to Miriam's Place. We have already donated 17 children's sized quilts to the shelter.

Announcement

Laurie reminded us of the Guild's fabric sale on Saturday, May 9. We have 50 boxes of fabric to go out!

Speaker

Shelley Swanland presented an entertaining trunk show of unconventional cathedral windows quilts, and embellished quilts and garments.

Following a break, the Bylaws review committee (Pam, Prima Casetta, Laurie) presented the revised Bylaws to the membership. The revisions consist mostly of tightening up the language and updating the Bylaws to cover online meetings. Pam made a motion to approve the revised Bylaws. Prima seconded. Approved.

Show & Tell Quilts from Prima (scrappy houses), Maureen (Sunbonnet Sue and squares), Susanne (2 quilts from Shelley Swanland patterns, sampler on black, donation quilt), Allison (baby quilts for Waldo, yellow strippy, orphan/schnibble, March daily stitching), Katrine (color wheel, stars with piano key border), and Aileen (red strippy).

Door Prizes

Winners were Anne W., Gwen, and Carrie.

The meeting was adjourned by President Laurie Reyen at 7:50pm.

2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS
See Roster For Contact Information

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Newsletter Editor	Kennalee Mattson
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Philanthropy	Cindi Garacochea
Program/Workshop	Pam Overton
Webmistress	Aileen Cooke
Ways and Means	Perla Rothenberg and Blair Seibert

Appointed Officers

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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: May 20, 2026

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