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Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on December 1

President's Corner

Hope your Thanksgiving is full of good food and family gatherings and will repeat this month too. Our 2020 Thanksgiving was sitting on camp chairs and balancing our dinners in our laps. I cooked most of the dinner then packaged them in recycled containers from several takeout dinners and drove over to our daughter's front yard where we had some sun to warm us. There are 6 adults and one toddler so it is not monumental but I am glad not to be doing that this year and grateful for the vaccines to keep everyone healthy. Dinner can be at our house and warm and even have a few guests. I've already made the cranberry sauce. I get excited when the fresh berries show up in the grocery store. My mother-in-law loved cranberry sauce so much her frig had some all year.

I haven't done much sewing—distractions keep me out of my sewing room. I hope I can finish this reversible table runner soon. Its fall on one side and Christmas on the other. So it does have a deadline. Just like Charlie Brown, I work better with a due date!

Another way to jump start my sewing are the placemats for Charity. It's nice to have a small project to work on and finish. I am likely to keep sewing. I think I have some food fabrics to use too. Another inspiration: make a placemat with a few orphan blocks. Let's have fun and make dozens. Show us in the meeting show and tell.

President — Aileen Kuda-Cooke kudacooke@gmail.com, text me anytime at 310/739-6222

Program

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! I am so thankful to be a part of this group of talented, generous quilters.

Our December speaker is Sue Glass who is a member of the South Bay Quilters Guild. She comes to us via Zoom from Redondo Beach. Sue will be presenting a lecture/demonstration entitled "Prepared Edge Applique is Fun and Easy".

We are working on filling up our 2022 program schedule with a combination of zoom and hybrid (in person/Zoom) presentations. If you have any local speakers you would like to see, please drop me a line at lreyen@msn.com.

Program Chair – Laurie Reyen

Vice President

Is everyone working on fun handmade gifts for the holidays? I am meaning to do it but somehow haven't started yet! Better get to it if I want to get it done.

We are spotlighting Libby Wadman and Sasha Schellenbaum this month. See their articles in this newsletter and looking forward to seeing their quilts at the meeting. Be ready for the call, you may be next up but also accepting volunteers.

Getting started on my holiday baking and also making my yearly large amount of toffee. When will I fit in those sewing projects? Will make the time somehow. Happy Thanksgiving, so much to be grateful for this year even with the bumpy times.

Vice President – Allison Leong

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Show and Tell

This month, let's focus on those holiday gifts you're making and/or your favorite holiday quilts. Please send your photos to pam@travelingquilters.com no later than Monday, November 29.

Spotlight Quilters - December

LIBBY WADMAN

I was born and raised in Wynnewood, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia, and went to college in Ithaca, NY, where I majored in theater and French. My goal was to train under the pantomimist, Marcel Marceau. I did have the chance to audition for him and was accepted to the school he was developing, but due to bad feet, I never got the chance to go.

With what seemed like a ton of lemons, I made lemonade by joining the Navy and served for 7 years as an officer. One of my first jobs was running a beta test site for a pay and personnel record computer system in Norfolk, VA. This job introduced me to my future husband, as he was the person at the computer company in Torrance, who oversaw the testing. Despite being a government contractor, my commanding officer gave me permission to date him, as I had nothing to do with the contracts, but got very prompt help whenever there were issues. I transferred to Los Angeles and after our marriage, we lived in Redondo Beach and then Manhattan Beach.

Along the way, I left the Navy, had 2 daughters, and earned my teaching degree. I was a pre-school and kindergarten teacher at 232nd Place Elementary in Carson, until we were transferred to Utah where we lived in Park City.

I spent 15 years as a 6th grade teacher in a middle school, focusing on the reading side of Language Arts. I then spent 5 years as the 2nd grade French Dual Immersion teacher in one of the elementary schools.

My husband passed away 4.5 years ago, at which time I retired. Last September, after 25 years in Park City, I moved to Venice Beach. My daughter, Sasha and her husband live here in Brentwood and my youngest daughter, Whitney, and her husband live in Queens, NY.

When did you start quilting? Why? *I started quilting in the mid 1980s when I was a stay-at-home mom. A friend, who at the time worked with my husband, got me started taking classes and joining in Midnight Madness at Luella's Quilt Basket on Sepulveda Blvd in Manhattan Beach. Luella was also my next-door neighbor, so she also encouraged me in my endeavors. I found quilting quite satisfying and challenging in a way that sewing clothes wasn't. I always loved geometry, so it seemed like a good fit.*

Unfortunately, once I went back to work, quilting became a once in a very great while treat until I moved back to this area a year ago. I am retired now and on my own, so I'm constantly working on projects.

What types of quilts do you make or enjoy? *In the past, my quilts were more traditional, recipe quilts, but I am now working on creating my own quilt designs. To that end, I am experimenting with common patterns and then trying to change them up. I am hoping to do more with scrap quilts.*

Why did you join SMQG, any suggestions for the board? (Loaded question) *My daughter who lives in the area, suggested I join. I moved here in the fall of 2020 and between the Covid lockdown and knee surgery the spring of 2021, I didn't have many ways of meeting people. The SMQG zoom meetings were a great way to meet folks and learn more about quilting. The zoom with Sujata Shah is what really inspired me to try new ways of doing things.*

What quilting skills would you like to try out or improve on? Or learn new? *I would like to try and gain skill using Sujata Shah's approach of no rulers, no rotary cutter, but I haven't quite gotten there. I have a crazy quilt that someone in my family made in the late 1800s. I would love to learn how to repair it in the places the fabric has rotted. My mother at one point bought fabric for doing that, but never did repair it. I have both the quilt and the fabric just waiting for me to figure it out.*

Any favorite story about receiving or giving a quilt? *None that come to mind.*

Any other hobbies that you enjoy? *I love to downhill ski, racewalk and mountain bike, but I could never keep up with my hardcore biker friends in Park City. A new "hobby" I'm just getting into is the renovation of my 1905 Arts and Crafts home in Venice Beach.*

and daughter
SASHA SHELLENBAUM

When did you start quilting? Why? *I have been sewing since I was five or six, but I didn't start quilting until I was twenty or so. I had recently finished fashion school and was working in the fashion industry. Attempting to make a career out of my hobby had really drained a lot of the joy out of sewing for me. A close family friend who had taken me under her wing suggested I take Jeanne Romano's "Quilter's Toolbox" course at Luella's Quilt Basket. I immediately fell in love with the prints, colors, and promise of not having to sew anything that wasn't a straight line! I think I've attempted to sew exactly one garment in the sixteen years since I started quilting.*

What types of quilts do you make or enjoy? *My style is always changing, and I've never made the*

same pattern twice. I really enjoy playing with color. Some of my favorite early quilts were a Blooming Nine-Patch and a One Block Wonder; both were a fun color challenge. My most recent quilt (and current favorite) is a stylized sunset, getting the color gradient just right was a really fun challenge.

Why did you join SMQG, any suggestions for the board? (Loaded question) I visited an SMQG event years ago when Mary Ellen Hopkins came to speak. It was a great event, but I lived and worked too far away to really make joining worthwhile. When my mom moved back to LA during the shutdown, the virtual guild meetings seemed like a great way for us to bond and socialize. I really appreciate that the virtual format makes it easy to attend around my work schedule. I know most members are retired but late evening and weekend events are MUCH easier for those of us still working!

What quilting skills would you like to try out or improve on? Or learn new? I would love to improve my quilting. I used to say I would never hand stitch anything, but then the pandemic happened, and I was looking for a way to make the sunset quilt extra special, so I hand quilted it. I really enjoyed the process, but the "big stitch" styling was more a matter of necessity than a deliberate design choice. I would love to learn how to make tiny, tidy stitches.

Any favorite story about receiving or giving a quilt? Almost every quilt I make, I make with the intention of gifting. Quilts to me are something I make as an act of love. I like to think that the people I gift them to feel loved and special every time they snuggle under my quilts. It's impossible to pick a favorite story but gifting quilts to non-quilters is always the best. There's an awe that people have even in the simplest quilts that I think makes them feel really special when they receive one. I love giving that kind of joy.

Any other hobbies that you enjoy? Fiber arts of all kinds, knitting, crochet, and needlepoint all make the list. Outside of crafts I enjoy working on my 1971 MG Midget and travelling.

Website

Please email photos of your finished quilts and works-in-progress to Emily (wattsejw@gmail.com) to post them on our website and social media accounts, Facebook and Instagram, for "at-home show & tell."

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

Webmistress – Emily Watts

Membership

I want to thank everyone who renewed their SMQG membership this year or who joined. The Guild currently has 50 members, including two new members. Welcome all. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy our speakers and other activities this year.

A special thanks to those who included a donation to the Guild in their membership renewal. We are grateful for your generosity!

Sheila Cummins - Membership

Birthdays – December

Veronica Gray	6 December
Ann Chach	7 December
Diane Fulkerson	9 December

SMQG General Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2021

SMQG Quilt Guild members gathered on Zoom for its November 2021 general meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Aileen Cooke just before 7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting:

The president called for approval of the October 2021 minutes and Treasurer's report as published in the October newsletter. Both were approved by acclamation.

Program: At this juncture, Laurie Reyen introduced the evening speaker, Laretta Crites who presented a lecture titled "Tis the Season." It was a quilt tour of her home throughout the year featuring her quilts for each season.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: No report

Membership: Sheila reported that 42 members renewed their memberships as of that date. Those who do not renew their membership by the December meeting will not receive the guild newsletter or zoom links to meetings.

Philanthropy: Luann indicated that she has not received any quilts lately. Kennalee said there are some philanthropy quilts at the Quilt House. Bobbie introduced the idea of making placemats for non-profits like Meals on Wheels. It was decided that this will be discussed at the November board meeting.

Newsletter: Pam Overton welcomes articles from members for the newsletter.

Program and Workshops: Laurie announced that Sue Glass from SBQG will be the December speaker and will demonstrate a prepared applique technique. She welcomes speaker suggestions. There is a zoom speaker for January. She is working a speaker for February. Hopefully, the guild will be back in the church at that time and will be able to have a hybrid presentation. One member discussed the possibility of having a potluck in Palisades Park during the day. There was some discussion, but no final decision was reached.

Website: No report.

Door Prizes: Members who won door prizes were: Gwen Oki, Mary Lloyd, Virginia Marshall, Laurie Reyen, Carol Thomas, Betty Barker, Aileen Cooke.

Show and Tell: Kennalee Mattson, Pam Overton (quilts from Friends of Manito Park), Barbara Spielberg.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Veronica Gray

Philanthropy

We have another project for our guild. Several Meals on Wheels in the local areas have asked for placemats. This is a project we have done before and a good way to use up scraps or fabrics you can't find anything else to do with. The size is 14"x18" and can either be bound or pillowcased. They are okay with any design or they can be seasonal, if you want. You can make them double sided or put a plain piece on the back. Since we still aren't meeting in person you can either drop them off at Aileen Cooke's, Kennalee's

Quilt House, Bobbie Blake's or Luann Jaffe's or let any one of us know that you need them to be picked up.

We are still collecting quilts, pillow cases and



toiletries.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Luann Jaffe and Bobbie Blake, Philanthropy Co-Chairs

Here's a fun "blast from the past" from one of our prior placemat donations. Aileen Cooke, Sandy Ray, Nancy Sharpe, Sandy Abramowitz, Janet Thornber (who moved to Denver a few years ago), and Madhu Mandavia

Scrap Bag

From Kennalee Mattson, the official drop zone for donations!

We have been given boxes of Children's Book Panels plus batting! If you would like to make some books, or perhaps use them as blocks for a quilt, please give me a call or text at 310-666-3704.

SMQG Schedule of Events

While we're all staying at home for the time being, your Program chair is busy working to fill out our calendar for the coming year with interesting speakers. As always, your input/feedback/suggestions are welcome. Please contact Laurie Reyen to let her know your thoughts.

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
December	Sue Glass	Prepared Edge Applique Demonstration	https://www.quilters-calendar.com/sue-glass/
January 5	Teresa Duryea Wong	Native American Indian Quilts: 150 Year of Sewing and Survival	https://teresaduryeawong.com

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

January 17-22	Road to California. Visit their website for details. www.roadtocalifornia.com
February 11-12	Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Valley Wide Recreation Center, 901 West Esplanade, San Jacinto, CA. For more information, contact Nancy Alaksin (951) 537-9414.
February 12-13	South Bay Quilters Guild 2022 Quilt Show – By the Sea. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$10. Visit our website to download a discount coupon. Come to our in-person quilt show at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center – 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA (Madrona Avenue and Torrance Blvd.). 160+ Beautiful Quilts on Display, Featured Quilter – Alex Tsubota, “By the Sea” Challenge Quilts, Vendor Mall,

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	<p>Come to our In-Person Quilt Show at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center – 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA (Madrona Avenue and Torrance Boulevard). Our Quilters Café is back with the Quilt Show Express serving their delicious tri-tip sandwiches and peach cobbler among other things! Raffle baskets, handmade boutique items, and quilts for sale in our Consignment Booth.</p> <p>And...view our beautiful Opportunity Quilt "Ocean Breeze" which depicts the California State Tall Ship "The Californian". The drawing will be on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm. You may purchase tickets by contacting Susan Gibbs (310) 371-8665 or purchase at the show.</p> <p>Check our website http://southbayquiltersguild.org/quilt-show-2022.html.</p>
April 1-3	25th Best of the Valley Quilt Show , McDermont Field House, Lindsay, CA 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday. Admission is \$10, or \$15 for 3-day pass.
April 8	SCCQG Meet the Teachers. For more information visit www.sccqg.org .

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