



Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on December 7

President's Corner

Time for our December meeting, though I write this in November and Thanksgiving is about to happen.

I give thanks to all the guild members who made blocks for the president, me! I haven't done this before and I was thrilled to receive such a lovely gift. It will be my next big project to turn into a quilt. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Special thanks to Allison, Vice President, for organizing it. I am doubly indebted to her for running our guild meetings for the past three months. I promise not to travel at the beginning of the month, at least for several months.

I am thankful to many guild members who have helped disperse a recent large fabric stash. What could have been an overwhelming task has been manageable. Most of the bins have been moved on to various charity groups making philanthropy quilts. If you know of a worthy group, please let me know, for future donations.

Thanks to my granddaughter's school—the art teacher asked for fabric scraps for art projects. Hallelujah. I've passed along several bins and bags and continue to take more. I expect to hear screams of "enough, or "stop", but so far so good.

Thanks to all our board members who keep our organization functioning at a high level. We love our guild. We love quilting and we love that there are constant new lessons to learn.

Be sure to post projects to the meeting Show and Tell. Come in your favorite Christmas sweater.

Happy Holidays, Aileen Cooke

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

Program

Our speaker for December is Elizabeth DeCross who will be presenting on "Pojagi: From Ancient Korea to Modern Canada. Pojagi is a traditional Korean art form that goes back thousands of years. Elizabeth learned about pojagi while living in South Korea. When she returned to her home country of Canada, she developed techniques for similar patchwork using materials more readily available in the west. To learn more about Elizabeth and her quilts visit her website epidastudio.com.



Our program schedule for 2023 is starting to fill up. Remember, if you have speakers or topics you would like to see send me a message at lreyen@msn.com.

Program Chair – Laurie Reyen

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Vice President

The holiday season is upon us and this year I actually got a head start on handmade gifts. I had a two-week trip planned to Egypt with extended family and needed some handwork to do on some long bus rides. I had tried out Hexie piecing on the Traveling Quilters trip in October and thought it would be a perfect take along. I was able to prep a number of pieces and stitch half of the small projects on the machine. I took these along completing all of the pieces that I had prepped. I was even able to start some more completely hand piecing them. All that needed to be done on returning home was stuffing with final stitching. Watch for a photo of the finished product in the Show and Tell portion of the meeting.

My niece has a knit beanie business called Smeanybeanieknits so she was busily knitting beanies for her busy season of sales. Two days of the trip we had some down time during the day cruising down the Nile. We had a makers' area on the top deck of the ship. It was a lot of fun to stitch, chat, and see the scenery go by.

Here's hoping many other holiday projects are getting done!

The quilter's spotlight this month is Prima Cassetta

Vice President – Allison Leong

Quilter's Spotlight – Prima Casetta

I first learned to sew in junior high school and made some simple cotton clothing during my school days. One day, when I was still a teenager, I saw an article about patchwork quilts in a sewing magazine and knew instantly that that was what I wanted to do. I made myself a patchwork skirt and a patchwork bedspread in college, but I didn't make my first quilt until I was working and needed a baby gift for a colleague.

I was self-taught and I made many mistakes, but I was happy with that first quilt, made from my 1960s and 1970s sewing scraps. I continued to make occasional baby quilts as gifts, bought a few quilt magazines and took one night class through adult education.

In 1983, I moved to England (engaged by then to an Englishman, but that's another story) and there I became immersed in quilting. I found a local quilt group, joined The Quilters Guild, made quilting friends, took classes and workshops, and began buying fabric in earnest. I have good collections of Laura Ashley furnishing fabrics and Liberty Tana lawns from my six years in the UK.

Sometime after we moved back to California, I found Crazy Ladies and Friends and one of the staff

(Barbara Spielberg, as it turned out) told me about the SMQG and encouraged me to join. I have been a member for over 30 years and have found there everything one joins a guild for: friends, speakers and workshops, show and tell, and fabric sales. I love the sociability of quilt groups and I am also a member of Westside Quilters and two mini-groups.

Although I like to learn about all types of quilts and techniques, my favorites are traditional pieced quilts, with their wonderful geometric designs and evocative names. Almost all of my quilts are scrap quilts and I try to get as many fabrics into each one as I can. I piece and quilt on my sewing machine and recently I've begun binding them completely on the sewing machine too. It is ironic, then, that what I'm interested in trying is hand-piecing using templates and English paper piecing to make a hexagon or clam shell quilt.

I always have a quilt on the go, and I have made over 100 quilts, almost all for gifts or for philanthropy. I only have about a half a dozen quilts. I look forward to my next 100 quilts, and I hope to keep a few more for myself.

Besides quilting, my other love in life is reading. I was a librarian and my husband taught English literature and we have a large collection of books. We love to visit second-hand bookshops and when we're planning a trip, I scout out all the used book shops. Recently I've taken up container gardening and no one is more surprised than I am how much I love taking care of all the plants on my little patio.

I can't believe I wrote this much about quilting without mentioning the word color, so let me close by saying I love color!

Membership

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership or joined this year. We appreciate your support! Look for an updated Guild roster to be emailed to you early in the new year.

Happy Holidays!

Membership - Sheila Cummins

Show and Tell

If you have items to share for Show and Tell, please send your show and tell photos no later than Sunday December 4 to pam@travelingquilters.com. We will meet on Zoom only this month so let's make it a great show and tell. We know you're all working on holiday gifts, so please share!

Perhaps you have some new or favorite "Holiday" quilts to share?

Zoom meeting links

We have set up the guild meeting zoom link as a recurring meeting. The link will be included in the email with this newsletter. We'll also send a reminder on Monday night.

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

SMQG General Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2022

SMQG Quilt guild members met on zoom for its November 2022 general meeting, which was called to order by Vice-President Allison Leong at 7:00 pm. She welcomed guests and reminded members it is time to renew their membership.

Business Meeting:

Allison called for approval of the minutes and treasurer's report. Pam Overton and Kennalee Mattson moved and seconded approval of the minutes. Sheila Cummins and Bobbie Blake moved and seconded approval of the treasurer's report. Both were approved by acclamation.

At this point in the meeting, Laurie introduced the evening speaker, Verusita Zarate of Pride and Joy Quilting who specialized in a new method of paper piecing. She was well received.

Membership: Membership dues for the 2022-23 year are now due. Those who have not renewed by the end of November will not continue to receive the guild newsletter. There are 38 current members which include 2 new members.

Vice President: Only one member expressed interest in making a mystery quilt. If anyone else is interested, please e-mail Allison.

Programs/Workshops: There will be a speaker in December. The speaker will be Elizabeth De Croos. Her workshop title is: Pojagi—from Ancient Korea to modern Canada. Keep those suggestions coming.

SMQG Schedule of Events

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.

Website: Emily is continuing to keep website updated and welcoming guests.

Philanthropy: Marianna Davanzo is our new chair. She welcomes ideas for quilt donations. Placemats are still being accepted for Meals on Wheels. 250 placemats have been collected to date.

Ways and Means: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

New Business: Megan McGrath informed members that Santa Monica College is offering a free sewing class at the main campus on Fridays from 4pm to 7pm. The class is not in the catalog, but contacting the college by phone will enable one to register for the class. Sewers can work on their own projects and sewing machines are provided.

Show and Tell: Members who shared their quilts were: Pat of Love quilts from sewing night, Sue Barrett Bobbie Blake, Olivia Carnahan, Allison Leong, Kennalee Matson.

Door Prizes: The following won door prizes: Megan McGrath, Barbara (on I pad), Cindi Garacochea Catherine Baxter, Else Teppen, Sandy Abramowitz, Yoshi Nickerson

The meeting was adjourned by vice-president Allison Leong at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Veronica Gray

Birthdays – December

Veronica	Gray	6-Dec
Ann	Chach	7-Dec
Diane	Fulkerson	9-Dec
Donna	Heiderman	14-Dec
Evelyn	Moyer	24-Dec

Philanthropy

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed their holiday weekend. We have made good progress in reaching our goal of 350 placemats by the end of the year. We only need 75 more. Thank you for your contributions so far. I believe we'll be able to make the goal.

Mariana Davanzo, Philanthropy

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
January 4	Irene Blanck	My Journey in Quilting	www.fousonquilts.com.au
February 1	Brimfield Awakening	Brimfield Awakening Trunk Show	Brimfieldawakening.com
March	Philanthropy sewing night		

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

- December 3** Pine Needles Quilt Guild Holiday Home Tour. For information contact President@pnqg.org
- January 18-21** Road to California
- February 10-11** Valley Quilters Quilt Show
- February 18-19** South Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show. Visit their website for more information. Southbayquiltersguild.org

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- Temecula Quilt Away Retreat – February 9-12, 2023
- Temecula Quilt Away Retreat – April 24-27, 2023
- September – Garden of Quilts, Thanksgiving Point, Utah. Watch for more information coming soon about our 2023 Quilt Adventure.

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