



# Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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**Join us on Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

## President's Corner

Can't believe the holidays are upon us! But they are! It's Thanksgiving already and we've been deep in Hallmark Holiday movies for over a month! Will all my hand-made Christmas projects be finished on time? Who knows? How about your holiday hand-made gifts? Are they finished yet?

We've planned a fun evening for our December meeting. . . Games, prizes, and more. One of those games will be Left, Right, Center. If you've never played, you'll want to join in the fun. The ante to play will be three (3) 2 ½-inch by WOF strips. No theme. Anything goes. The last person with a fabric strip wins the pot. Yes, all of them! We'll also play a game or two or three of Quilt-O. Bring your button jar or something to use to mark your Quilt-O card as the numbers/letters are called.

It's always fun to enjoy our members' favorite potluck recipes. Planning to bring something new? Or your tried and true? Bring a copy of your recipe and we'll copy for all to share! As in years past, we're going to let "what will be, will be" as far as our menu for the evening. Bring your favorite dish – salad, main dish, side, or dessert. If we end up with all desserts, so be it! We'll survive!! 😊 But history tells us that we always end up with a well-balanced meal. If you would like to bring your own plate and cutlery, please feel free to do so. If you would prefer an alternate beverage, bring that as well. Please arrive with your food by 5:45. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

While we won't have a Ways and Means table this month, there will be a FREE TABLE. We do have a few items that have come in our donations and those will be on the free table. Have you been cleaning your sewing room? Finding some duplicates or things you know you will no longer finish or use? Bring them to the free table. We do ask, though, that if some of your items remain at the end of the evening, please take them home with you.

And one last note. The Sew Wednesdays (Maureen Gardner, Yoshi Nickerson, Sonja Daniel, Mary Lloyd, and Donna Heiderman) have been asked by Judith Hartman's family to help sort through her fabric and sewing supplies. We anticipate that we'll have a number of boxes of fabric donations from Judith's stash and we're hoping you'll join us at 5:00 pm to help measure and roll fabric for our next fabric sale. And, yes, if you find something you simply must take home, it's yours for \$2/yard! 😊

A note for our January meeting. Since the first Wednesday is January 1, we'll meet on January 8. Mark your calendars! Our January meeting will be on zoom.

And last but not least, I'm loving the beautiful blocks that I have received so far. I'm looking forward to putting them all together.

*President – Pam Overton, [pam@travelingquilters.com](mailto:pam@travelingquilters.com)*

## Program

No speaker this month, but the board has planned a fun evening. Hope you can join us!

*Laurie Reyen, Programs*

## Vice President

The Vice President team is putting together some great ideas for the new year. Watch for more information in the January newsletter.

*The Vice President Team – Olivia, Donna, Jo and Laurie*

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## Membership

RENEW RENEW RENEW! Ra Ra Rah

The new SMQG cheer. Go Quilters, Sew quilters, Don't let your membership lapse.

No more nice guy; Lose entry to January's meeting.

We are going to have so much rummaging through December's Free table, I can hardly wait. I found some cute kits for a clasp coinpurse at Ways and Means and this month it is all free stuff. One quilter's trash is another's treasure. Please check at the end of the meeting and if no one took your treasure, please to find it a home.

Going to work on the Roster for 2024-2025, don't be late.

*Aileen Cooke, Membership Chair*

## SMQG – Remembering the last 35 years!

We'll pick up with this column again next month. In the meantime, send your stories and photos to [pam@travelingquilters.com](mailto:pam@travelingquilters.com).

## Hospitality

The December meeting is our **holiday potluck!** Everyone is asked to bring a salad, main dish, or dessert to share. The choice is plates, napkins, cups, and plastic cutlery, as well as water. Bon appetit!

*Prima Casetta, Hospitality*

## Ways and Means

We will not host the Ways & Means table in December so if you have a donation please save it until April 2025 when we meet again in person at the church. January, February, and March will be zoom meetings.

We want to wish everyone a happy holiday season with lots of family and friends to celebrate!

*Perla Rothenberg and Cindi Garacochea,  
Ways & Means Co-Chairs*

## Website

I continue to update the website and our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram for your viewing pleasure. Let me know if there is anything specific you would

like to see.

[www.santamonicaquiltguild.org](http://www.santamonicaquiltguild.org)

*Emily Watts, Web Manager*

## Show and Tell

December will be an in-person meeting and our Annual Holiday Potluck. We're looking forward to Show and Tell to see what you've been working on lately! Let's see those holiday gifts you've been working on.

## Zoom meeting links

Since December is our holiday potluck with no program (other than fun and games), we will not be on zoom this month. Happy Holidays to our long-distance members! See you in January!

## SMQG General Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024 - Hybrid meeting called to order by President Pam Overton at 6:00

Announcements:

Don't forget to buy raffle tickets for door prizes at Ways and Means.

We have 2 guests tonight – Caroline Bagshaw and Betsy Ross who is turning 98! She and Anne brought some cake for snacks tonight. We sang Happy Birthday.

As we know, our long-time member Judith Hartman passed away last week. Services were held last Saturday and attended by Maureen, Sonia, Yoshi and Sylvia. Judith contributed many small quilts to philanthropy.

Emily Watts moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting and the treasurer's report as seen in the newsletter. Sonia Daniels seconded the motion which was approved by all.

Laurie Reyen introduced our speaker for tonight – Anne Sonner coming to us from Walnut.

Our talk tonight is a trunk show on the topic of "New Quilts from Vintage Bits". Interesting ways of using old blocks, lace, buttons, embroidery and quilty pieces that aren't blocks (like Yo-Yos) were seen on her collection of quilts.

Committee Reports:

**Membership:** Aileen Cooke – We have 35 renewed members and 1 new member. Please send in your renewals if you haven't done so.

**Philanthropy:** Mariana Davanzo – Much of Keiko Tapp's quilt collection has been distributed to Wightwood fire victims (2), Paradise fire victims, the vets in WLA (15). More will be going to Venice Family Clinic, Ronald McDonald House and the VA in the valley (15).

**Ways and Means:** Cindy Garacochea and Perla Rothenberg – All the books and magazines are free tonight though cash donations are accepted. All the leftovers will be passed on or recycled. Lots of other good finds to be had and also raffle tickets.

**Vice President:** Laurie Reyen - reporting for the VP committee that a fun project will be starting in January. More information in the next newsletter.

**Programs:** Laurie Reyen – Our next meeting will be in person only in December. This will be our holiday potluck at which good food, fun and games will be enjoyed. January, February, and March meetings will be held on Zoom. April will be Quilter's College.

Show and Tell: Mariana Davanzo (who also shared her adventure in Ashville North Carolina during the recent big storm/tornado while she was there for the birth of her granddaughter), Gwen Oki, Kennalee Mattson quilts and cross stitch, Virginia Marshall, and Sylvia Henry. Sylvia is in a group at the Lutheran Church that makes quilts for donation around the world but they have recently given quilts to survivors of the hurricanes. She showed a photo of many (75) quilts they had made during this year. SMQG has donated fabric to her group for use in making these quilts. They welcome new participants.

Raffle winners: Anne Wallace, Aileen Cooke, Sylvia Henry, Yoshi Nickerson, Pam Overton

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30  
Respectfully submitted, Allison Leong

## Philanthropy

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! We had a great month in terms of how many quilts were given out. 19 twin or larger sized ones went to the Ronald McDonald House and they were very grateful to receive them. 31 baby quilts were given to the Venice Family Clinic, and they too were happy to get them.

That being said, there are other charities to which we have recently donated quilts (mostly from Keiko's stash) and who would welcome more contributions. So, if we have enough quilts in the future we can also donate some to Pat of Love, who gives them to cancer patients at St John's Hospital. The 200 fire victims in Camarillo could also use quilts. And if we have any patriotic themed quilts, the VA said that they would like more.

Adding more charities to our list can seem daunting but our guild is so generous and productive, I think it is certainly something we can strive towards.

Once again, thank you to all who make quilts for philanthropy and happy sewing. 😊

*Mariana Davanzo, Philanthropy Chair*

## Scrap Bag

The South Bay Quilters Guild is offering a bus trip to Road to California on Saturday, January 25. The cost is \$67 per person and includes admission. The bus departs from the Green Line Park'n'Ride on Marine Avenue in Manhattan Beach. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Gail VanVranken, [bgvanvranken@att.net](mailto:bgvanvranken@att.net).

## Birthdays – December

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| Ann   | Chach     | 7-Dec  |
| Diane | Fulkerson | 9-Dec  |
| Donna | Heiderman | 14-Dec |

## 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. Note that Laurie has planned zoom meetings for January through March. No more being rained out! We hope!

| Date            | Speaker/Teacher   | Lecture | website |
|-----------------|---|---------|---------|
| December        | Holiday Gathering!  |         |         |
| January (zoom)  | Nova Montgomery – A Century of Progress: the 1933 World's Fair – novamontgomery.com |         |         |
| February (zoom) | Sarah Goer – Developng a Creative 100-day Project – sarahgoerquilts.com             |         |         |
| March (zoom)    | Kristie Naranjo – Scrappy Applique – kristieenaranjo.com                            |         |         |
| April           | Quilters College with demos by some of our very own talented teachers               |         |         |

## Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

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|----------------|--|
| February 7-8   | <b>Valley Quilters Guild 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show</b> , Valley Wide Recreation Center, 901 W. Esplanade San Jacinto, CA. 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. For more info go to valleyquilters.org.  |
| February 22-23 | <b>South Bay Quilters Guild 2025 Quilt Show</b> , 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr. N., Torrance, CA 90503. In-person and Zoom auction (must register before zoom). Saturday February 22, 3:30 pm. For more information go to <a href="http://www.southbayquiltersguild.org">www.southbayquiltersguild.org</a> . |
| March 1-2      | <b>Hi Desert Quilt Guild Desert Views – Sunset Hues Quilt Show</b> . Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Desert Empire Fairgrounds, 520 South Richmond, Ridgecrest, CA. Over 150 quilts, vendors, raffles, fabric bargain boutique, small quilt auction, opportunity quilt raffle. The show you don't want to miss!               |

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