

Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on February 3

President's Corner

I was so glad to attend Road to California this year, since it was dark in 2021. As always there were impressive prize-winning quilts and entries. Several were from our Santa Monica guild members. Have you heard of micro piecing? Amy Pabst (Leroy, WV) made "Sari not sari" with 31,308 pieces. Overall size was perhaps 24 x 36 inches; it's a two-color pineapple log cabin with finished logs maybe ½", #17 in her micro piecing series and made with sari silk. Next to it was her, "Chenault" quilt, done in a log cabin with just 8,092 pieces.

When I went to an early judged quilt show, the quilts were so impressive I thought, "Go home, throw away the fabric, and give up. No way would I make anything comparable." I have not grown beyond that point of view and I still enjoy my mostly mundane level of quilting, but I can still be impressed by a large quilt with intricate hand applique and taking most of a year to make, so I haven't thrown everything out.

I like to take a class and though I've taken several free motion quilting classes I still learned a few things. There's a "Golden threads quilting paper" available on Amazon and Etsy. It's intended use: draw a quilting design on it, quilt through it and the quilt, and tear it off when finished. For the class—stencils made by sewing with an unthreaded machine needle make nice holes that can be marked with pounce. Voila a quick marking technique (pounce comes in white or blue or yellow). It's fast and easily dusts off. I've already ordered a roll in the 20 inch width (also available in 12" width).

We must still continue with our zoom meetings but hope to plan some Sew-in type zoom meetings separate from our monthly meetings. Maybe a Mystery Sew In?

Keep on patching

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

Program

Our schedule of speakers for the year is starting to fill up! I am really looking forward to our future programs. Our speaker for February is Linda Pearl who will be talking to us about "Why Do All My Quilts Look the Same?" Learn more about Linda at her website www.onecirclequilting.com.

In March , we are going to mix it up a little bit with a mini- workshop at the meeting. Alex Tsubota of the South Bay Quilters Guild will be giving us a Zoom Demo on how to make fabric postcards. This will be followed by a Guild sew along to create our own postcards! Watch your mailbox for a supply list!

If you have speakers you are interested in hearing from or workshop suggestions, please email me at lreyen@msn.com.

Program Chair - Laurie Reyen

Show and Tell

Please send your show and tell photos to pam@travelingquilters.com no later than Monday, February 1.

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Vice President

As our guild's representative to SCCQG, I attended the quarterly meeting on 1/8/22. Arlene Stevens spoke to us about the California Heritage Quilt Project. Originally this was a project to document quilts made before 1945 and collect oral histories. They will now be starting efforts to document quilts made more recently. The project is welcoming anyone who wants to participate and help.

Matt Reese gave us an update on Road to California which just occurred last week. 22 exhibits, garment exhibit, all the small quilts entered in the Hoffman challenge, many vendors. (Ed. Note: Hope you enjoyed the show! Spectacular quilts this year.)

The focus for this meeting was on guild fundraising during this time of Covid. Representatives of different guilds presented what they had done including yard sales of donated fabric, tea with silent auction, boutique, something called Little shop which was held 3 times in a year selling all kinds of donated items mostly having to do with stitching, needlework, etc. One fabric sale didn't sell measured fabric but sold different sizes of bags for a set price and customers would fill the bag. One guild didn't set any prices but welcomed participants to donate any amount that they felt comfortable with. Donations were not required. They reported that they still were able to generate a significant amount this way.

We expect that SMQG will be having a fabric sale this year, maybe springtime?

Meanwhile, keep using up your stash so you have more room for fabric!!

Vice President - Allison Leong, 310-245-2588

Scrap Bag

Mystery Quilt. Last month some of you suggested we do another mystery quilt. Here's a free Mystery that you might be Interested in participating in. Lori Dickson, Quilting with Lori, was the speaker this month at the South Bay Quilters Guild. Her next Mystery will start soon. Four consecutive Monday nights. To learn more and sign up, visit her website.

Virtual Events | QuiltingWithLori

In the meantime, we'll do some research on another Debbie Caffrey Mystery quilt.

Virtual Sew-Ins. We're planning to schedule some sew-ins but we need to know which days/times work best for the majority of our members. Please <u>click</u> <u>here to respond to our Sew-In Survey.</u>

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.santamonicaguiltguild.org

Webmistress - Emily Watts

Membership

Our membership is holding at 52. The roster will be available soon.

Sheila Cummins - Membership

SMQG General Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2022

SMQG Quilt Guild members gathered on Zoom for its January 2022 general meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Aileen Cooke at 7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting:

The president, Aileen Cooke, called for approval of the December 2021 minutes and Treasurer's report as published in the January 2022 newsletter. Both were approved by acclamation.

Aileen also announced she received notice of a fabric sale in Simi Valley on January 15 and 16 from 10am to 2pm each day. Address is 3459 Township Avenue, Simi Valley.

<u>Program</u>: At this juncture, Laurie Reyen introduced the evening's speaker Terese Duryea Wong of Houston, Texas who presented an excellent lecture titled: Native American Quilt Stories: 150 Years of Sewing and Survival. Her presentation garnered many questions and positive feedback.

<u>Vice President</u>: Allison reminded members that Road to California will take place in a few weeks. Olivia Carnahan announced that there is still a need for volunteers to help with set up of exhibit quilts on Monday, Jan. 17 starting at 10 am and take down of those quilts on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 4:30 pm. For more information, contact Olivia.

<u>Newsletter</u>: Pam Overton welcomes articles from members for the newsletter.

Program and Workshops: Linda Pearl from New Hampshire will be February's speaker and her topic is use of color in quilts. Future speaker will be Diane Harris on stash and scrap quilts. She welcomes members to join her in searching the web and places like global connections for future speakers and definitely member suggestions. March may be a quilters college (possibly virtual).

Website: No report.

Ways and Means: No report.

<u>Door Prizes:</u> Members who won door prizes were: Lani Hee, Luann Jaffe, Yoshi Nickerson, Veronica Gray, Sue Barrett, Kennalee Mattson, Sandy Ray. <u>Show and Tell</u>: Sue Barrett, Bobbie Blake, Allison Leong, Kennalee Mattson.

Toward the end of the meeting, Jennie Kraft asked that the guild consider some kind of zoom sew-in or friendship gathering of members. There was some discussion among those present. Pam Overton indicated that this was possible, but more members need to be willing to be zoom hosts, etc. for this to happen. This discussion will probably be continued at the January board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm. Respectfully submitted, Veronica Gray

Philanthropy

Our newest project seems to have an appeal to more of us. It's quick and easy and you can be as creative as you want. Placemats for Meals on Wheels 14" x 18", cotton, washable, bound or pillow cased are the requirements.

We have almost enough to donate on our first round and hope you will all join in with this on-going project. And, of course, completed quilts are always in need. Let us know if and when you can either drop them off your donations or we can come and pick them up from you.

Luann Jaffe and Bobbie Blake, Philanthropy Co-Chairs

Birthdays - February

No birthdays in February!

Treasurer's Report - January

Beginning Balance	\$ 16,449.77	
Income		
Donations with Dues	\$	-
Amazon.com	\$	-
Membership Dues	\$	-
Newsletter Ad	\$	140.00
Total Income	\$	140.00
Expenses		
Filing Fee (RRF-1)	\$	25.00
Newsletter Postage	\$	23.20
Speaker (Teresa Duryea Wong)	\$	300.00
Treasurer Postage	\$	11.79
Total Expenses	\$	359.99
Ending Balance	\$ 1	6,229.78

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 Reven to let her know your thoughts.

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Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
February 2	Linda Pearl	Why Do All My Quilts Look the Same?	Onecirclequilting.com
March 2	Alex Tsubota	Make Your Own Fabric Postcards	Featured Quilter at the South Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show
April 6	Diane Harris	Make Extraordinary Scrappy Quilts	Stashbandit.net
May 4	Dana Jones	Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of the Caohagan Islands	Danajonesquilts.com
June 1	Tara Miller	Quilting with the Fire of My Foremothers	Quiltdistrict.com

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events		
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,	
	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	

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	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.	
	Andview 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.	
	Check our website http://southbayquiltersguild.org/quilt-show-2022.html.	
April 1-3	25 th 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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