



# Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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## Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on February 1

### President's Corner

Welcome to the Chinese New Year. It's also a way to say Happy New Year in February. I'm always a bit late with Christmas cards too.

I just had a few nice days at the Road to California Quilt Show and saw all of the show—quilts and vendors. I started at the preview night which is always fun and less crowded, then spent a full day plus an extra hour. I had to stop due to exhaustion and still had to face the drive home—I took a break then, too, as I was too tired.

As always there were many impressive quilts. One of the times I went to a juried show, the artistry was so high and impressive, I wanted to quit quilting as I would never achieve anything like the show quilts. I am still impressed but know I work on a much less ambitious level. Have you heard of "micro-quilting", a form contrary to my "art". A wall quilt of about 8x10 inches might contain thousands of pieces with seams bigger than the finished side. You don't need much fabric but must have to work with tweezers. My eyes are probably past the stage that I can try this method.

There were more vendors this year than last—better shopping. Besides the full and half day classes there were some one hour classes on handwork, threads and a clover tool talk. Good to check out the list of classes that will come out this summer to ensure you take it. Plan now to show a quilt in the 2024 SCCQG exhibit.

My big moment was when I was looking at the Caryl Bryer Fallert Gentry quilts and had my picture taken with her. Maybe I can show it at the meeting Show and Tell.

The Board has decided that the guild will be making a cash donation to the Westside Food Bank. Collecting cans of food is difficult currently. Read the Philanthropy article to learn more about how you can participate.

*President — Aileen Kuda-Cooke [kudacooke@gmail.com](mailto:kudacooke@gmail.com), text me anytime at 310/739-6222*

### Program

Our February speakers are Kim and Nisha from Brimfield Awakening. As it says on their Instagram page, "Kim and Nisha make English Paper Piecing quilting designs inspired by the past and modernized for today." I was fortunate enough to take a Zoom workshop from the Brimfield Awakening team during the pandemic. They have a fun take on EPP and kept the class in stitches (literally and figuratively) throughout the workshop. Check them out on Instagram or Facebook or at: [brimfielddawakening.com](http://brimfielddawakening.com).



I am working on filling out the calendar for the rest of the year. Am also looking for topics and volunteers for a Quilters college later in the year. Please email your thoughts and ideas to me at [lreyen@msn.com](mailto:lreyen@msn.com).

*Program Chair – Laurie Reyen*

### Membership

The membership roster is available and will be distributed soon. In addition, we will also soon schedule a zoom meeting for those of you interested in forming a new friendship group. Watch for details via email.

Sheila Cummins, Membership Chair, [cummins1306@gmail.com](mailto:cummins1306@gmail.com)

*Membership - Sheila Cummins*

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## Vice President

The quarterly SCCQG meeting was in January. The speaker for this meeting was Karyn Payzant.

She is a social media consultant who worked with Road to California for a number of years. She became familiar with the quilting world at that time. She gave us many tips on how to use different social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, You tube and TikTok to promote our Guilds. They can be used for posting photos of our work but also can be used to teach and entice folks to check out our websites or meetings or guild happenings. In her words “educate, entertain, engage, build relationships, and to increase our visibility. Many good ideas which I think our social media person (Emily) is up to date on. Some of the suggestions will take some additional effort (educational videos) if we want to do that.

I have been without my larger at home Bernina for a number of months as it was having a power issue. I was able to pick it up today and also check out the newly re-opened for in store shopping, Sewing Arts Center. The report on SAC - if you haven't yet been - is that it is huge!! A large amount of fabric – quilting cotton, batiks, and other fabrics as well, quilting, bags and clothing patterns, embroidery kits/thread, Bernina sewing machines, books, tons of notions, rulers and other quilty gadgets. It's a little overwhelming. The classroom is very spacious. I did enjoy a collection of old sewing machines and a few toy ones too. FYI masks are required. Bolt ends are now not in a roll but on something they call a “half/baby bolt”. The cardboard of the bolt is cut in half and the fabric is wrapped around that SAC will fulfill all your quilty needs. I'm sure I haven't listed everything that is available.

PS: my machine is working great and I'm happy I can quilt my larger quilts more easily now.

Happy quilting!

Vice President – Allison Leong

## Philanthropy

This year the guild has decided to donate our philanthropy quilts to local organizations. We have found three different groups in Santa Monica who will be very happy to receive as many quilts as we can give.

**Venice Family Clinic.** They have a prenatal health education program for all mothers-to-be and their families who come through the clinic. These are low income families and the clinic would like baby quilts for the newborns as well as adult-sized quilts for the mothers and fathers.

**People Concern.** They are associated with Santa Monica's Homeless Shelter. They run a drop-in access center for the homeless. They give out blankets to people who come by and need one but these blankets

are army cot style- grey and scratchy. They would much prefer to pass out soft, handmade, cheerful quilts to the homeless. They need twin size or larger quilts.

**Santa Monica First United Methodist Church** (you can't get any more local than that). They have a prayer quilt ministry that makes and gives out quilts to those who ask for special prayers because they are suffering through difficult times such as illness or extreme hardship. The church asks for only quilt tops because they tie on their own quilt backs signed with prayers from the congregation. They have specific size requirements: No larger than 45" by 60" and no smaller than 40" by 50". Since these are not large quilts, it would be an excellent way to finally clean out all those orphan blocks that tend to hang around for too long. Also, the church was donated a lot of strip fabrics to be used for prayer quilts, so if anyone would like to work on a quick quilt top during our March in-person philanthropy-quilt-making meeting we can ask to use those strip fabrics.

Regarding our philanthropy food donations, the Board has thought to do something different this year. We are extending a challenge to our members. A dollar-for-dollar match! For every dollar that is donated by you, the guild will match the accumulated donations up to \$200.00 and give the money to the Westside Food Bank. If the member donations exceed \$200, we can discuss increasing our matching funds amount. What a great way to make your donation go twice as far. Since we are having fewer in-person meetings now, it is more difficult to physically collect canned food. This is a much easier way to continue to support the food bank.

How do you make your donation? Make your check payable to the Westside Food Bank and send it to Kennalee Mattson, guild treasurer (2329 Boone Avenue, Venice, CA 90291). We will include your amount in our matching funds and send all checks to the LA Food bank when we send our check.

Thank you to all our many generous members who are always thinking of others and are so giving of your time, talents, skills and resources. I am very appreciative of you all.

Mariana Davanzo - Philanthropy Chair

## Show and Tell

If you have items to share for Show and Tell, please send your show and tell photos no later than Monday, January 30 to [pam@travelingquilters.com](mailto:pam@travelingquilters.com). We will meet on Zoom only this month so let's make it a great show and tell.

## 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.

## Birthdays - February

Hatsumi Kurokawa 19-Feb

## Website

Please email photos of your finished quilts and works-in-progress to Emily ([wattsejw@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.santamonicaquiltguild.org)

*Webmistress – Emily Watts*

## SMQG General Meeting Minutes

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January 4, 2023

SMQG Quilt guild members met on zoom for its January 2023 general meeting, which was called to order by President Aileen Cooke at 7:00 pm. She welcomed guests Lynn Crawford, Sue Glass, Pat Karasick, Jeanna Kiezle and Vicki Fisher-Leher.

### Business Meeting:

Aileen called for approval of the December minutes and December treasurer's report. There were no corrections to either the minutes or treasurer's report. Both were approved by acclamation. The balance in the guild account is a \$21, 483.

At this point in the meeting, the evening speaker was introduced by Laurie Reyen. Irene Blanck of Melbourne, Australia shared her quilting journey. Largely self-taught, she has specialized in applique.

Her patterns feature floral designs with accents of traditional blocks—all applique. She fielded a number of questions and interest in her technique.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There are now 60 paid members. Sheila is proof-reading the roster and will send it to

## 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.

members via email soon. Sheila and Aileen welcome members who are interested in joining a mini-group. Contact either one of them if you are interested.

Vice President: The Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds is meeting via zoom on Saturday. All are welcome to attend but must register first. If interested, contact Allison Leong.

Programs/Workshops: February's speakers will be the women from Brimfield Awakening. March will be an in-person philanthropy sew-in.

Website: Emily took zoom snapshots of members attending on zoom for the guild scrapbook.

Philanthropy: Continue making quilts and placemats. Marianna hopes to have a charity by next meeting to whom quilts will be donated.

Ways and Means: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

Show and Tell: Members who shared their quilts were: Sue Barrett, Betsy Barker, Bobbie Blake, Lani Hee, Allison Leong and Virginia Marshall

Door Prizes: The following members won door prizes: Laurie Risk, Bobbie Blake, Prima Casetta, Cindi Garaochea, Jeannie Kraft (gifted to Bobbie Blake), Virginia Marshall, Yochi Nickerson, Aileen Cooke. Special prize went to Olivia Carnahan (empty spools count)

Other: -- Pam Overton announced that the South Bay Quilt Guild has formed a personal Facebook page for quilters who have an Accu-quilt system. SMQG members are invited to join. For information contact Pam.

--Olivia Carnahan announced SMQG members Lani Hee, Allison Leong, Kennalee Mattson, Pam Overton and herself have submitted quilts for a Road to California exhibit she is curating. She invited members to volunteer to help set up and take down the exhibit. Interested members can contact her.

--Kennalee reminded members that quilt kits are for sale on the guild website.

The meeting was adjourned by president Aileen Cooke at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Veronica Gray

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
March	Philanthropy sewing night		

**Selected Upcoming Southern California Events**

- 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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