



# Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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## Join us on Wednesday, February 5, 2025

### President's Corner

January certainly started off in a way that no one could ever imagine! The devastation of the fires is profound, but at the same time watching the way that people have responded is heartening. I have spoken to Maureen Gardner and she is making the best of a bad situation and extends her thanks to the guild members for the many ways they have reached out to offer help. She very much appreciates the Stitcher Kit that we gave her. She said, "it's just what I needed." They are taking things one day at a time. By this time, hopefully they are in their apartment in the Marina. We've been in touch with Patti Post as well. While she most likely will not be back in her home anytime soon, she will be able to return to it. Some of you may know Sherry Kleinman? She is a former member of SMQG and a current member of Westside Quilt Guild. She, too, lost her home. She had a quilt in the SAQA exhibit at Road to CA or rather she would have if it had not burned in the fire when her home burned down.

Were you able to attend Road to California? The show was excellent this year. The quilts were exceptional and the vendors were hard to resist. If you were there, perhaps you ventured by Booth 324, the Road to CA/SCCQG Fire Survivors Donation booth? We took in over \$4500 in cash to be used to purchase new tools for quilters and sewists. We also took in hundreds, yes hundreds, of quilts to be distributed to those in need. We also accepted donations of a myriad of quilting tools/notion purchased from the vendors at the show. Some of the quilts have moved on to Camarillo for distribution to the Mountain Fire Survivors and the rest are stored in the Road to CA Warehouse in Upland. In the next few weeks we'll be going out there to sort and organize all that was donated. Want to help? Let me know!

Did you take a class at Road? Let's see what you worked on. Send us photos for Show and Tell.

Our meeting this month is on zoom. Laurie has lined up another excellent speaker! We hope you can join us at 6:30 so we can catch up with each other and all that has been going on. And, perhaps, Maureen and Patti will join us as well!

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

### Program

Our February speaker is Sarah Goer who will be talking to us on "Developing a Creative 100 Day Project."

Sarah will share her process and experience with these projects, including what worked and what didn't work for her. Sarah will also share tips for how to tailor your 100 Day Project to suit your life and creative journey, even if you don't think you have time. Sarah is a former middle school math teacher turned quilt teacher who is primarily inspired by geometry and architecture and loves bold, vibrant, saturated color. Much of Sarah's work is created from a perspective of "planned improv," working from a set of rules she creates for herself. You can find Sarah's work on her website at : [www.sarahgoerquilts.com](http://www.sarahgoerquilts.com)



Laurie Reyen, Programs

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## Vice President

Who wants to solve a mystery???? The Guild is sponsoring a Mystery Quilt! The guild will pick up the cost for members that want to participate.

A few clues to start. Our mystery quilt will:

- Unfold over 9 chapters
- Be 68" x 68" and
- Utilize 5 fabrics.

Sign up by February 5 by emailing:

[lreyen@msn.com](mailto:lreyen@msn.com). We do need to provide a final count on participants so that we can ensure instructions can be sent out.

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

## Membership

Membership is working on the guild roster this time of year. It is usually an excel file that can travel by email as an attachment. I generally check to see if members have changed their information but if you have changed email addresses or phone numbers, it wouldn't hurt to remind of such and it will be sure to get changed.

Look forward to a spring date for our all member Tea. Social gatherings with your quilts and projects are always fun and rewarding.

See you in zoom. Wear a silly hat if you have read this far in the newsletter. Or any hat!

*Aileen Cooke, Membership Chair*

## SMQG – Remembering the last 35 years!

We'll pick up with this column again next month. Wait . . . I said that last month! But we need your stories to share!

Send your stories and photos to [pam@travelingquilters.com](mailto:pam@travelingquilters.com).

## Hospitality

Since we are meeting via Zoom this month, we leave you to provide your own snack to enjoy at home during the program. Please keep an eye out for

the hospitality entry in the April newsletter, when we will resume meeting in person. . .

*Prima Casetta, Hospitality*

## Ways and Means

Please save your donations 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

February will be a zoom meeting. Hopefully you have pictures of some of your recent projects! Please send them to [pam@travelingquilters.com](mailto:pam@travelingquilters.com) by Monday, February 3. That will give us time to assemble the slide show!

## Zoom meeting links

The meeting link will be included in the newsletter email. We have asked the speaker to join us before 6:30 so we can check all the technical issues. Please feel free to join us after 6:30 so you can visit and catch up!

## SMQG General Meeting Minutes

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6 January 2025

Zoom meeting called to order by President Pam Overtone at 7:01

Announcements: One guest is joining us today – Blair Seibert.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the SMQG members and all who have been impacted by the Palisades Fire.

Bobbie Blake moved to approve the December minutes and treasurer's report.

Sandy Ray seconded the motion which was approved by all.

Pam Overton introduced our speaker for tonight – Nova Montgomery, also known as "The Featherweight Guru", who presented her talk "A Century of Progress". Journey to the 1933 World's Fair and the Sears National Quilt Contest. An excellent presentation. She shared her enthusiasm for her topic.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Aileen Cooke – Absent. We have 44 members now.

**Philanthropy:** Mariana Davanzo – Absent. Please continue to work on philanthropy quilts as with the fires this week there will certainly be a need.

**Ways and Means:** Cindy Garacochea and Perla Rothernberg – Cindy has cleaned out the cabinet at the church which houses our items for Ways and Means. New items are needed. During these months that we are not meeting perhaps members can look over some of their quilting supplies, fabric and donate items they are not using anymore. Ways and Means will recommence in April.

**Hospitality:** Prima Casetta – On hiatus until April. Have some snacks at home

**Vice President:** Olivia Carnahan, Laurie Reyen and committee have identified a Mystery Quilt for guild members. There is a \$6.50 cost for each participating member which the guild will pay. A registration e-mail will be sent out soon asking members to register to participate. Fabric requirements will be sent out first and the Mystery will run for 8 months. It is an intermediate difficulty quilt. The first clue will be sent out the first week of February.

**Programs:** Laurie Reyen – Absent, no changes at this time.

**Auction:** A box of 30 unopened spools of Floriani embroidery thread donated by Betsy

Barker was auctioned. Olivia Carnahan (via Pam) had the higher bid of \$30.00.

**Door Prizes:** Donated by Pam – Winners are Catherine Baxter, Sally Madigan, Sue Correll, Gerry Maguire, Bobbie Blake, Perla Rothenberg, Virginia Marshall, Prima Casetta

**New Business:** Blair announced the start of a new stitching, handwork group which will be meeting at the Culver City library at 2920 Overland on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The group will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 12:30 – 3:00. Come anytime.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49

Respectfully submitted, Allison Leong

## **Philanthropy**

Here is where we stand in the philanthropy department: We were able to deliver the abundant amount of quilts we had to all our charities by the end of 2024. They went to the Ronald McDonald house, the Venice Family Clinic, the V.A. and to the fire victims in Northern California. We received a nice thank you letter from Ronald McDonald house.

Now our plan is to focus our efforts on making and collecting quilts for the people who have suffered such devastating losses from the fires in our local communities. To that end, the guild has decided to have a philanthropy night for our in-person meeting in April. There will be more information regarding this in our upcoming newsletters.

Our guild is blessed with such talented, skilled, generous and compassionate members that I anticipate we will make many beautiful quilts for those in need in 2025.

Hope you're working on the Perkiomen Valley blocks. The pattern is attached to the newsletter. Remember, you can deliver them to Aileen Cooke, Allison Leong, or the Quilt House on Tuesday or Saturday.

*Mariana Davanzo, Philanthropy Chair*

## **Birthdays – February**

Anne	Wallace	16-Feb
Donna	Berardo	15-Feb

## 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
February (zoom)	Sarah Goer – Developng a Creative 100-day Project – sarahgoerquilts.com		
March (zoom)	Kristie Naranjo – Scrappy Applique – kristieenaranjo.com		
April	Philanthropy Sewing Night – We'll be working on quilts for fire survivors!		

## Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

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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