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Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on January 5

President's Corner

Ode to the Persimmon

Who says we don't have seasons in Southern California. As I ate my oatmeal with poached persimmons, I noted that fall marks the season for persimmons. I guess not everyone appreciates them as I do. One of my friends won't even try one. For years I had family bring me the fruit in the fall, along with navel oranges and whole walnuts. We liked making poached persimmons—easy to make and several bottles go into the freezer for later months.

There are several varieties of persimmons but two main types: Fuyu with a flattened shape and Hachiya with a pointed top. My favorites are the Fuyu. They can be peeled and eaten like an apple but it instills a zen mood if you sit down, peel, and slice it while eating. I've had friends bring them prepared in a bowl, that's the easiest way. Hachiya can be eaten when soft though they may make your mouth pucker. They ripen faster if put in the freezer. Hachiya are better appreciated when the pulp is scooped out and baked into cookies and bread.

Years ago, on a trip to Japan in November, the tour bus drove by a persimmon tree which was bare of leaves but glowing with fruit. It was like a Christmas tree decorated with orange ornaments. I think the owner of the tree probably would pick the fruit before a frost but liked looking at the tree. (My husband thinks like this and wants me to only pick our fruit that is out of sight because he enjoys looking at the bounty.)

Persimmons spiced and poached: Sunset magazine

1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds, about 4, crisp Fuyu persimmons

1/4 cup lemon juice

1/2 c orange juice citrus

1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

1/3 cup sugar

1/8 tsp ground nutmeg

Peel and stem persimmons and cut into 1/2 inch wide wedges. In a 2-3 quart pan, combine ingredients and bring to a boil, simmer covered about 25 minutes until fruit is tender when pierced. Option—boil uncovered for 8-10 minutes until liquid is syrupy. Good with roast fowl or pork or over ice cream [or oatmeal].

Covid: I am not encouraged by the increase in Covid/Omicron cases right now in Los Angeles. I hope the numbers will decline but I can't predict what will happen in February or beyond. We were hoping for a hybrid, an in person and zoom, meeting in February but we may have to be patient a while longer. Hoping for 2022 to be our year of returning to in person meetings.

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

Program

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a year of great programs. We have virtual programs lined up for the first quarter of the year to ensure we continue to stay safe and healthy.

Our January speaker is Teresa Duryea Wong who is an author, historian and lecturer. She is an International Advisory Board Member of the International Quilt Museum. She has also been a Scholar in Residence at Visions Art Museum in San Diego and the Bybee Scholar at the Texas Quilt Museum and Bybee Foundation. She will be speaking on "Native American Indian Quilts: 150 Years of Sewing and Survival". For those of you who subscribe to Quiltfolk, she authored a featured article in a recent issue (#20- Idaho) on a day camp run by the North Idaho Quilter Guild that teaches kids how to quilt and sew. Learn more about Teresa on her website – <http://teresaduryawong.com>.

We are still working on filling out our schedule for the coming year. If you have speakers you are interested in bringing to the Guild, please let me know at lreyen@msn.com.

Program Chair – Laurie Reyen

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Vice President

Another year end is approaching and we continue to try to live safely for ourselves and others. I miss getting together with friends and mini-group, but appreciate those who I do see.

The holiday season was too busy to tap a spotlight quilter but look for one next month.

I like to try to work on a project between Christmas and New Years because my office is closed and I have more time. I hope to finish another Orphan and Schnibbles quilt this week. We'll see how that goes. Hope you are all thinking about your next project.

Also don't forget about Road to California this January. A few members will have quilts in the show or as part of the SCCQG exhibit. Check it out (safely). By the way, we are looking for people to help hang the SCCQG exhibit on Monday and help take it down on Saturday. If you're available to help, please contact Olivia. It's a big job, but many hands make light work.

Vice President – Allison Leong, 310-245-2588

Show and Tell

Please send your show and tell photos to pam@travelingquilters.com no later than Monday, January 3.

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

Membership

I want to thank everyone who renewed their SMQG membership this year or who joined. The Guild currently has 50 members. Welcome all. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy our speakers and other activities this year.

A special thanks to those who included a donation to the Guild in their membership renewal. We are grateful for your generosity!

Sheila Cummins - Membership

SMQG General Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2021

SMQG Quilt Guild members gathered on Zoom for its December 2021 general meeting. The meeting was

called to order by President Aileen Cooke just before 7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting:

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

Program: At this juncture, Laurie Reyen introduced the evening speaker, Sue Glass, of South Bay Quilters Guild. Sue presented a detailed lecture (almost a workshop) on prepared applique. She garnered a lot of interest in her technique. At the end of her presentation, she informed the guild that SBQG is sponsoring a bus trip to Road to California on January 20.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: Members spotlighted in this month's newsletter are Libby Wadman and Sasha Shellenbaum. Be sure and check out the article and their quilts featured in the newsletter.

Membership: Sheila reported that 50 members renewed their memberships as of that date. She will have a roster ready in early 2022.

Philanthropy: Members are encouraged to make philanthropy quilts and placemats.

Newsletter: Pam Overton welcomes articles from members for the newsletter.

Program and Workshops: Laurie announced that Teresa Duryea Wong will be the January speaker and her topic is Native American Quilts. Linda Pearl from New Hampshire will be February's speaker and her topic is use of color in quilts. She welcomes speaker suggestions.

Website: No report.

Ways and Means: No report.

Door Prizes: Members who won door prizes were: Cindy Garacochea, Prima Casseta, Sylvia Henry, Allison Leong, Marianna Davanzo, Maureen Gardener, Jo Hearn, Laurie Risk.

Show and Tell: Sue Barrett, Maureen Gardener, Veronica Gray, Jo Hearn, Lani Hee, Kennalee Mattson, Pam Overton, Perla Rothenberg, Marilyn Vredvoe

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Veronica Gray

Philanthropy

We hope you all had a happy holiday season. We even got some rain this week.

Now that the holidays are coming to an end we can get back to our sewing. We have several options

for you. We are making placemats for Meals on Wheels - size 14"by 18" and you can choose the colors and patterns. Perla was ambitious and has already made a good start for us but we hope many more of you will help out too. We've also made contact with CASA and they are in need of quilts for mostly teenage boys and girls, ages 10 to 18, ,for now. We would like to help out some of the victims of the Kentucky tornado so if you have some good sized quilts just waiting to make someone happy please plan to donate them to our guild to be distributed. Baby quilts, receiving blankets and burp clothes are also welcome. The Ronald McDonald House is always welcoming quilts for the children or the rooms for the parents and are accepting toiletries too. So if you were lucky enough to travel and brought back some unused toiletries we welcome them too.

We haven't heard from many of you during the pandemic but hope you are doing well, It was nice to

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 Reyen to let her know your thoughts.

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
January 5	Teresa Duryea Wong	Native American Indian Quilts: 150 Year of Sewing and Survival	https://teresaduryewong.com

see some of you recently and thanks to Perla and Patti for their generous donations as we hope to be able to have enough items to make our donations after the first of the year.

Looking forward to a better year. Stay Safe!

Luann Jaffe and Bobbie Blake, Philanthropy Co-Chairs

Birthdays – January

Keiko	Tapp	2-Jan
Marilyn	Vredevoe	13-Jan
Sue	Barrett	14-Jan
Aileen	Cooke	21-Jan
Jennie	Kraft	27-Jan
LuAnn	Jaffe	31-Jan

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

January 17-22	Road to California. Visit their website for details. www.roadtocalifornia.com
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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,</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>And...view 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.</p> <p>Check our website http://southbayquiltersguild.org/quilt-show-2022.html.</p>
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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