



# Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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## Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on January 4

### President's Corner

Happy 2023

With the New Year, we can wipe the slate clean. Forgive all mistakes—mine and those of others. Start anew and start a new quilt or two. I have my Presidential blocks on the design wall and hope to get working in earnest. Christmas is over. All those gifts finished and given and received! I am grateful for quilting and friends. Thank you all.

Hope you all had wonderful holidays without complication and that no one tried to fly anywhere. That could be a too-long topic.

We will still be having zoom meetings for a few months. If you are anxious for an in-person meeting, please let me know. Looking for someone to arrange an ad hoc, daytime, outdoor meeting. This would be separate from our monthly meetings. Or please reply to the mini-group interest email under the Membership's article.

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

### Program

Our January speaker, Irene Blanck, will speak to us from her home in Melbourne, Australia. Irene has been quilting for the last 30 years and has enjoyed and learned all techniques, from machine piecing, English Paper Piecing, Foundation Piecing and Needle Turn Applique. She started designing her own applique quilts and began her teaching career in 2007. Irene has taught internationally. Her book, "Focus on Applique" was published by Quiltmania in 2015. Her quilt pattern, "Quilt Garden Down Under" has been the Quilt Show's Block of the Month for 2022. I have taken Zoom classes from Irene. She is a knowledgeable and entertaining teacher who I know you will all enjoy.

To learn more about Irene, check out her website: [focusonquilts.com.au](http://focusonquilts.com.au).

Remember, guests are welcome at our SMQG meetings. Share this information with your quilting friends. It's easy for guests to register and pay our guest fee on our website.

*Program Chair — Laurie Reyen*

### Membership

As you know, one of the questions on the Guild's membership application form asks if you are interested in joining a Friendship Group (also known as a mini group). This year five people indicated an interest. Maybe there are more of you out there who'd be interested? If that's the case, please contact me or Aileen Cooke and we will make sure you are included in any discussions of a new group.

As always, thank you for your support of the Guild. We have 60 current members, including three new members. Look for an updated roster in your inbox soon.

Happy New Year to all!

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

Aileen Cooke, Board President, [kudacooke@gmail.com](mailto:kudacooke@gmail.com)

*Membership - Sheila Cummins*

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## Vice President

It was a busy Holiday season this year. I did get a head start on my holiday baking because I contracted Covid, I think on my big trip. There were a few days of not feeling so great but mostly I felt OK and was able to make a bunch of cookie dough to freeze and bake later. Intent was to kill all the potential viruses that might be around. No coughing while prepping dough!!

I have also been tasked to enter a quilt in the SCCQG exhibit at Road to California. All the quilts from these last 2 years have been given away or are not the correct size. Yikes. I thought I was going to have to make an entire quilt for entry but fortuitously I found a top AND a back that were ready to pin and quilt! YAY for a UFO!! Application filled out and quilt almost done. There is a use for those UFO's. Let's get back to the machines soon for more fun projects.

Happy quilting in 2023

Vice President – Allison Leong

## 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 2 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 – January

Keiko	Tapp	2-Jan
Carol	Thomas	4-Jan
Marilyn	Vredevoe	13-Jan
Sue	Sue	14-Jan
Aileen	Cooke	21-Jan
Jennie	Kraft	27-Jan
Kathleen	Yamazaki	30-Jan
LuAnn	Jaffe	31-Jan

## 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)

## SMQG General Meeting Minutes

SMQG Quilt guild members met on zoom for its SMQG General Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2022

SMQG Quilt guild members met on zoom for its December 2022 general meeting, which was called to order by President Aileen Cooke at 7:00 pm. She welcomed guests Deanna Briel, Catherine Baxter and Vicki Fisher-Lerer

### Business Meeting:

Aileen called for approval of the November minutes and November 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 healthy \$21,466.

At this point in the meeting, the evening speaker was introduced by Aileen Cooke in Laurie Reyen's absence.

Elizabeth DeCross of Toronto, presented a lecture, "Pojagi: from Ancient Korea to Modern Canada." There was a great deal of positive feedback and interesting questions on the pojagi technique.

Show and Tell: Since some of the submissions featured wall hangings from Elizabeth's patterns,

the show and tell segment took place immediately following her presentation. Wall hangings made from her patterns were submitted by Cindi Garacochea, Deanna Briel, and Maureen Gardener. Other members who submitted quilts were Bobbie Blake, Sue Barrett, Allison Leong and Pam Overton.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There are now 57 paid members, including 3 new members. A roster will be sent to all members and the website chair in early January.

Vice President: No report.

Programs/Workshops: In Laurie's stead, Aileen announced that January's speaker will be Irene Blanck from Australia. The guild meeting will be on zoom. She really appreciates all member suggestions. Don't stop sending them to her!

Website: No report.

Philanthropy: Marianna Davanzo is still researching local charities that will accept philanthropy quilts. Placemats are still being accepted for Meals on Wheels through December. 1,100 placemats have been collected to date.

Ways and Means: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

Door Prizes: The following members won door prizes: Sheila Cummins, Maureen Gardener, Jo Hearn, Luann

Jaffe, Sally Madigan, Veronica Gray, Lani Hee and Pam Overton.

Respectfully submitted, Veronica Gray

There was some general discussion and visiting before the meeting was adjourned by president Aileen Cooke at 8:35 pm.

## 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.

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
February 1	Brimfield Awakening	Brimfield Awakening Trunk Show	Brimfieldawakening.com
March	Philanthropy sewing night		

## Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

- January 18-21**      Road to California
- 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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