



Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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Join us for an In-Person Sewing Meeting on March 1

President's Corner

INSPIRATION

We all have it. It goes with the creativity in us. Where do you get your quilt inspiration? Personal—that new baby, a wedding, birthday or graduation. A quilt is always the perfect thing to give, a quilter's unbiased opinion. I have a graduation gift I need to start soon. Though, I won't put a hard June deadline on it. I think it's OK and forgivable to give the quilt after the event.

I just went to the South Bay Quilt Guild Quilt Show. There were many inspiring quilts on display and for sale in the auction. I was impressed by several applique quilts but I loved all the quilts. The show will plant seeds of inspiration and might grow in to big ideas later.

I still have a subscription to a quilt magazine because it's a treat to find it in the mailbox. I enjoy looking at the pictures and inevitably there is one quilt or project pattern that I must keep for future use.

The guild has some quilt kits for sale on the website. I bought one recently; it didn't look too hard and had a cheery look. I haven't bought a kit before but I highly recommend doing so as it is easy and fast. There are few decisions to make, just follow the directions.

The guild website of past Show'n'Tell is a good place to start the pursuit of inspiration. Send to the website a newbie or someone you are making a quilt for and ask for quilts they like or what they might choose, colors or pattern or size.

I look forward to our Sew In this month to inspire. There's always good energy in the room and I like to see what others are making. We will be using a smaller part of Simkins Hall but there will be room for pinning tops with batting, ironing, piecing, and choosing blocks. I have some strip pieced blocks and other orphan blocks that may inspire someone to finish into a top or quilt. Bring a sewing machine if you like or sit and pin tops and batting or tie a quilt. There will be an ironing board and cutting mats, etc. Bring your favorite tools of scissors, etc.

We won't be having a meeting in person or one on zoom. We will catch up in April. Thus we will have more time to SEW and WORK (3:30 to 8:30 PM). Hope you can come—drop in or stay awhile.

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

Program

Our program for March is a "Sew-in"! We will gather in person at First United Methodist for our first Philanthropy Sewing Night of the year. Here's what you need to know:

Who: You!

What: Philanthropy Sewing Night

Where: First United Methodist, 1008 11th St, Santa Monica

When: March 1, 3:30-8:30 PM

What to bring: Sewing Machine, Sewing supplies, UFO's and orphan blocks, sack lunch/dinner and beverage

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Program Chair – Laurie Reyen

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Membership

New members--this year's and last year's--we hope you will join us at a New Member Tea this spring (date to be determined). Hosted by members of the Board, it's an opportunity to welcome you to the Guild and learn more about you. Details to come.

Membership - Sheila Cummins

Vice President

The quarterly SCCQG meeting was in January. Up to date reporting this month. The South Bay Quilt Guild had their annual show this weekend. For those who missed it, there were many quilts on display of many different sizes and techniques. A special exhibit "Garden Party" featured quilts showing us or reminding us of gardens. The "Challenge Yourself" exhibit had small quilts featuring the quilters' choice of challenge. Some were trying a new technique, finishing projects that had been started but not completed, one was to increase the size of quilt to fit the parameters of the challenge. This might be a good project for our guild to take on. Voluntary participation. The raffle quilt this year is beautiful. The raffle baskets were many and generously full of goodies. (Note: Laurie Reyen won one of the baskets!) A nice selection of vendors were present and a great boutique. I didn't attend the auction so cannot report on that. If you didn't go this year, consider it for 2024.

I also went to the "Fabric of a Nation" exhibit at the Skirball Museum. Thursdays are free and parking is also free. All of the quilts are from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, though there are also some quilts that are in the Skirball collection. It's a great exhibit with examples of many of the quilting styles through the history of quilting in the USA. I was excited to see historic quilts such as the Harriet Powers Pictorial quilt, and also contemporary quilts. A quilt of Ruth Bader Ginsberg is in a different area but impressive. You will recognize it when you see it. There is a docent tour on Thursdays at 1:00 but sign up beforehand as it fills up. We went early and it was not too crowded but by the time we left, it was pretty packed.

Sandra Lauterbach has some fabric art pieces hanging in an exhibit of Jewish artists at the UCLA Hillel. Most of the other art is not fabric art but still some very interesting pieces.

Anyone up for a Challenge Quilt this year?? OR personal challenge?

Happy Stitching,

Vice President - Allison Leong

Show and Tell

No show and tell this month as we are meeting in person for a sewing night. Hope you can join us!

Treasurer's Report - February

Thank you to all who donated a check to the Westside Food Bank. We have reached our goal of \$200 and I am mailing the Guild's check in that amount along with \$210 from members.

They are in need of EGGS and we hope this donation can be used for that, or whatever else they need money for.

If you missed mailing your check to me, please mail one directly to them -

Westside Food Bank, 1710 22nd Street, Santa Monica CA 90404

You can note that you are a SMQG member. Thank you!!

On another note, amazon is ending their Smile donation program. Please consider using iGive for your online shopping. There is a link button on our website. You can shop thousands of stores like J.C. Penney, Staples, Costco and more.

iGive Announces Limited Time \$5 Bonus Donation for First Time Shoppers to Support Nonprofits. Millions of nonprofits and fundraisers, and hundreds locally, relied on AmazonSmile to provide a source of unrestricted revenue. The company recently announced the closure of AmazonSmile as of February 20, 2023. To offset the unfortunate loss of donations the shutdown will cause, **SMQG** is now working with iGive.com, the originator of the shop-for-good model, which actually offers shoppers up to 26% in donations back to their chosen nonprofit, compared to AmazonSmile's .05%. To further assist nonprofits, iGive announced an additional \$5 bonus donation for first time shoppers on their first purchase.

Kennalee Mattson Treasurer

Zoom meeting links

No Zoom meeting this month.

Birthdays - March

Perla	Rothenberg	3-Mar
Sally	Madigan	9-Mar
Emily	Watts	11-Mar
Barbara	Spielberg	23-Mar
Elyse	Tepper	23-Mar

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

SMQG General Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023

SMQG Quilt guild members met on zoom for its February 2023 general meeting, which was called to order by President Aileen Cooke at 7:00 pm.

At this point in the meeting, Laurie Reyen introduced the evening speakers Nisha Bouri and Kim Martucci of Brimfield Awakenings in Massachusetts. They gave a spirited presentation of their method of EPP and a history of their partnership. They garnered many questions and positive comments.

Business Meeting:

Aileen called for approval of the January minutes and January treasurer’s report. There were no corrections to either the minutes or treasurer’s report. Both were approved by acclamation.

Committee Reports:

Membership: The current roster was sent out with the February newsletter. If you have any questions, let Sheila know and she will make the necessary changes. On Wednesday, February 8 there will be a 7pm zoom meeting with Aileen Cooke and Sheila for those interested in joining or helping to start a mini group. Contact Sheila if you are interested. The new members annual tea is in the planning stages.

Vice President: The Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds met last month. The meeting focused on use of social media by guilds. The next meeting will be “meet the teachers.” If you are interested in attending this zoom meeting.

Website: No report.

Philanthropy: Continue making quilts! She will continue to take placemats and will check with Luann about distribution. Marianna announced there are three charities the guild will support with quilts this year: Venice Family Clinic, People Concern and Santa Monica First United Methodist Church. Details are in the February newsletter.

Regarding our philanthropy food donations, the Board has issued a challenge to 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 donate 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. See details in the philanthropy report in the February newsletter.

Ways and Means: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

Show and Tell: Members who shared their quilts were: Bobbie Blake, Maureen Gardener, Allison Leong and Pam Overton.,

Door Prizes: The following members won door prizes: Allison Leong, Megan McGrath, Perla Rothenberg, Marianna Davanza, Donna Heiderman, Mary Lloyd, Catherine Baxter, Hatsumi Kurokawa

The meeting was adjourned by president Aileen Cooke at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Veronica Gray

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
April 5	Tina Craig,	“Swaps, Bees and Raffles: the Joy of Group Quilts”,	www.seaside-stitches.com
May 3	Eleanor Levie,	“Not Just for Mother’s Day”,	www.eleanorlevie.com

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

March 4-5	Hi Desert Quilt Guild Quilt Show, 10 am to 5 pm, Desert Empire Fair Grounds, Ridgecrest, CA		
April 8	SCCQG Meet the Teachers, go to www.sccqg.org to register		

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
April 14-15	Best of the Valley Quilt Show, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 26 th Best of the Valley, A regional Show of Quilts and Cloth Dolls, McDermont X, 365 N. Sweet Brier * Lindsay, CA 93247 * (559) 562-3326; www.mcdermontfieldhouse.com		
FEATURED ARTIST: LESLIE SOBIERALSKI			
Judged and Juried Quilt Show with over \$5000 in cash awards; Cloth Dolls; BOTV “Tell Me a Story” Challenge Quilts; Sacred Threads 2022 Traveling Exhibit; LARGE Vendor Mall; Quilt Appraisals; Big/Little Quilt Sale; Special Categories for Quilters 80 and older & Quilters Under 18; Viewer’s Choice Awards; On-site Food			
General Admission: \$10; Children under 12 free, when accompanied by an adult			
Call (559) 936-2204 for group rates. For more show or entry information go to www.botvquilts.com or contact Suzanne Kistler, Show Chairman (559) 936-2204			
May 12-13	Chula Vista Quilters Guild, Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Bayview Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 505 East Naples St., Chula Vista, CA 91911.		
The Chula Vista Quilters Guild is proud to announce the return of our Annual Quilt Show and Vendor Mall! Plenty of free parking available in church lot and on East Naples St.			
Over 150 creations on display, along with our Boutique, Sew and Craft Booth, Basket Raffle and tickets for our 2023 Hand-quilted Opportunity Quilt, “Crowning Beauty”			
\$5 donation requested for admission to defray show costs (cash only)			
We are also excited announce the return of a Special Exhibit of the Hoffman Challenge!			
For more info, contact Kathy Cadwell at kathryn.cadwell@sbcglobal.net ; Stay tuned to QuilterzNooz for further information			
May 6	Orange County Quilters’ Guild, Quilts in the Garden, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Liwanis Land Park, 9840 Larson Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92844		
May 13	North Cities Quilt Guild Mother’s Day Luncheon; 11:30 am to 2:00 PM, Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church, 198301 E. Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda.		
Tickets may be purchased from Susan Lee; please contact her at 703-200-3703.			
May 20-21	Antelope Valley Quilt Association Quilt Show and Auction, Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Va am Pavilion, 2551 West Avenue H, Lancaster, CA		
<i>Featured Quilter: Lynell Rodio; Vendors, Boutique & Demonstrations; Vintage Sewing Machine Exhibit; Auction Sunday at 12:30</i>			
Admission: \$10.00 for the weekendFree admission for spouses/partners & children under 12 ****FREE PARKING***; www.avqa.org			

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