



Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on May 4

Our next **Zoom Happy Hour** is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Join us? We are using the same link for Happy Hour and our meeting. You will find it in the newsletter email. We will send a reminder email on Thursday. We hope you'll join us and share the projects you have been working on lately.

President's Corner

April was our first step back to in-person meetings with a "hybrid" format (Zoom at home and in person at the church). There were 20 people online and 20 in-person (who could enjoy the big giveaway/free table).

Thank you to the hard-working team of Emily Watts, Pam Overton, and Sheila Cummins. It was very well done and we will do this again. We won't do it every month and for now the board plans on a once-a-quarter hybrid meeting. We will continue with our zoom meetings and "go hybrid" when we have an in-person speaker or in-person activity planned.

Program chair, Laurie Reyen, has arranged for speakers for May and June to join us via Zoom so you can still join us in your "jammies" and hug your favorite teddy bear. Show us your bear or rabbit or other animal and win a prize. I have a Starbucks gift card for the winner. We will return to having door prizes so don't leave until the end of the meeting as the winner must be present to win. Please send a picture of your latest projects by email to Pam@travelingquilters.com for Show N Tell. I have a few placemats to show.

We hope to have our next hybrid meeting with an in-person speaker and possibly a trunk show in July. I do like looking closely at quilts.

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

Fabric Sale - Saturday, April 30 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, April 30, from 10 AM to 2 PM for our gigantic, awesome fabric sale at 3744 Wasatch Ave, Mar Vista, CA. Please share this information with your friends in the sewing community – crafters, quilters, etc. Bring a friend, bring some relatives, bring a clan because there's enough fabric to please all. It's all \$3/yd and you don't NEED it but you will WANT that pretty yard of fabric. You won't see it again after this sale. Cash or checks only, please.

Can you help with set-up, sales during the day, take-down? Please contact Kennalee to add your name to the list of "worker bees." We have 80 boxes of fabric to move, set up, and sell!

Kennalee Mattson, kennaleem@aol.com

Program

Our speaker for May will be Dana Jones, who comes to us from Colorado. Dana will be speaking to us on "Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island."

We will be transported to a tiny island — just 13 acres — in the central Philippines and will enjoy images and stories of the colorful quilts and the more than 100 quiltmakers of Caohagan Island. We will see photos of more than 50 handmade, one-of-a-kind quilts plus be introduced to the unique techniques developed by these quiltmakers whose tools are simply fabric and scissors, needle and thread. Dana spent more than a month on the island and will share her many experiences.

We have many excellent speakers lined up for the coming months. We welcome your suggestions for future programs or workshops you would like to see brought to our Guild!

Program Chair — Laurie Reyen

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Vice President

Spring greetings all! Anyone continuing the spring cleaning projects? It's going slowly over at my house though my husband says he is going to work on neatening the (his) garage.

I am finally going to take philanthropy quilts to Luanne. My guests are complaining about the covers being too heavy and they are too hot! It's about time to do that.

The SCCQG meeting was this month. A short business meeting was first and SCCQG is accepting volunteers for board member positions as elections are coming up. See their website if interested. Most of the meeting was a Zoom Meet the Teachers. Each teacher who participated had about 5 minutes to do a presentation about themselves, their work, lectures and possible workshops. Many are still doing Zoom lectures, a few are doing in person meetings. Many of the teachers can be found on a listing on the SCCQG website with links to their information. I think we have found more interesting potential folks to speak to our guild.

Happy cleaning and quilting all!!

Vice President – Allison Leong

Show and Tell

This month, we will return to a Zoom meeting. If you have items to share for Show and Tell, please send your show and tell photos to pam@travelingquilters.com no later than Monday, May 2.

Zoom meeting links

We have set up the guild meeting zoom link as a recurring meeting. We will also use the same link for any Sew-Ins and Happy Hours. The link will be included in the email with this newsletter. We'll also send a reminder on Monday night.

Scrap Bag

This month, our very own **Emily Watts** is the guest speaker at the LA Modern Quilt Guild meeting, May 9. IN-PERSON at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 11555 National Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064. She will also offer a workshop on Saturday, May 14. To protect all of our members, masks will be required at both in person events.



"At Least Feel Happiness: the dao of quilting"

In my improvisational quilt design, I try to focus more on the process and less on the product. I like to think

of the bias tape lines as brush strokes, in the spirit of a Chinese calligraphy course I once took. The teacher asked us to focus only on the practice of writing, and not on the words we were trying to write. He explained that every character begins with a single brush stroke, and if you empty your mind you will feel the dao in that stroke... the natural order of the universe and the moral path of our one shared humanity. I guess we all must have looked confused or skeptical in response, because then he laughed and said, "At least feel happiness, OK?" In this lecture, I will discuss my path to finding happiness in the quilting process through each quilt that taught me to stop thinking and just look around.

Workshop, "Bias-Tape Applique," May 14, 10-2
(doors open 30 minutes prior for set-up)

Emily will teach us how to use bias-tape applique to create a graphic and illustrated quilt design. You have a choice of purchasing and using Emily's brand new Jungle Boogie pattern, or come ready to create your own design.

To learn more about attending the meeting and or workshop, please visit the LA Modern Quilt Guild website: [Los Angeles Modern Quilt Guild – The LAMQG is the founding guild of the Modern Quilt Guild.](http://LosAngelesModernQuiltGuild.com)

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

The Guild's membership stands at 57. The updated roster will be available soon.

Thanks for your support and happy sewing!

Sheila Cummins - Membership

SMQG General Meeting Minutes – April 6 2022

SMQG Quilt guild members gathered at First United Methodist Church and on Zoom for its April 2022 general meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Aileen Cooke at 7:00 pm. It was a hybrid meeting; the first since the pandemic began.

Business Meeting:

The President, Aileen Cooke, called approval of the March 2022 Minutes and Treasurer's report as

published in the April 2022 newsletter. Both were approved by acclamation.

Aileen reminded members of the guild fabric sale at the Quilt House on Saturday, April 30.

At this point in the meeting, Laurie introduced the evening speaker Diane Harris of Nebraska who gave a well-received presentation "Make Extraordinary Scrap Quilts" via zoom. She also promised guild members she would send pdf handouts of her lecture.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Sheila reported there are currently 57 members and the membership roster has been posted on the guild website.

Vice President: Allison placed sets of blocks made by various members during the pandemic. They were invited to take a set and make placemats for philanthropy or a quilt for philanthropy. She said the Council will have a Meet the Teachers meeting on April 8. Pam will send a link to members who would like to attend via zoom.

Newsletter: Pam continued to invite member submissions to the newsletter.

Philanthropy: Bobbie and Luann have received 300 placemats to date. With the additional placemats turned in at the meeting, they will have the 350 needed to deliver to Meals on Wheels. Keep them coming as there are other nonprofit groups who need them. Philanthropy quilts are always welcome.

Program and Workshops: Laurie reported that at the May meeting speaker will be Dana Jones and the June speaker will be Tara Miller. She continues to encourage members to send her speaker suggestions and thanked those who have done so.

Ways and Means and Hospitality: No report.

Website: Emily thanked all those who helped set up the evening's first hybrid meeting. She apologized for any quirks that happened at the beginning of the meeting.

Old Business: Aileen reported that the guild had a small group for our first Zoom sew in and a larger

group for a happy hour. More will be scheduled but suggestions of days and times are needed to best attract a larger group of members.

Show and Tell: Members who shared quilts were Allison Leong, Evi Newman, Cindi Garacochea, Marianna Davamzo, Betsy Barker, Virginia Marshall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Veronica Gray

Philanthropy

Thank you to all of you who have made such beautiful placemats for Meals on Wheels. We met the 350 mark for the Santa Monica Meals on Wheels and we will be making our delivery next week. You have done such a good job with this project that we are going to continue for a while longer. This has been a great way to use up some of that material that was just waiting for this project.

We are still collecting quilts and toiletries and hope to be able to make a donation to the Ronald McDonald House very soon.

If you do have any finished projects you can bring them to the Quilt House on Saturday, April 30 when you come to the fabulous fabric sale. And you can contact either Bobbie Blake or Luann Jaffe if you have something to be picked up. We look forward to seeing your finished projects.

Luann Jaffe and Bobbie Blake, Philanthropy Co-Chairs

Birthdays - May

Olivia	Carnahan	3-May
Pam	Overton	13-May
Gwenn	Oki	13-May
Libby	Wadman	15-May

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 Reyten to let her know your thoughts.

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
May 4	Dana Jones	Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of the Caohagan Islands	Danajonesquilts.com
June 1	Tara Miller	Quilting with the Fire of My Foremothers	Quiltdistrict.com
August 3	Carol Wilhoit	Get Your Stash Together: Organization for Quilters	https://www.carolquilts.com

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

April 30, 2022	SMQG Fabric Sale. See the article on page 1.
May 7, 2022	<p>Orange County Quilters Guild, Quilts in the garden – 9:00 am, Kiwanis Land Park, 940 Larson Avenue, Garden Grove, CA.</p> <p>We have planted the seeds for Orange County Quilters Guild's - 2nd "Quilts in the Garden" at the Kiwanis Land Park in Garden Grove. One day ONLY at One park - filled with beautiful quilts shaded by magnificent mature trees, and lots of picnic tables near the kitchen. Tons of free parking adjacent to the enclosed and gated park. Refreshments will be available; bring your Mothers and enjoy the day with us!</p> <p>Lots of friendly quilters, surprises, and fun! Please check the OCQG website www.orangecountyquiltersguild.com and peruse our newsletters for developing details.</p>

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- Temecula Quilt-Away Retreat in September
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- Long Beach International Quilt Festival, August 3 – San Diego departures only

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