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Join us on Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Important information about our meeting time

Just a reminder that our meeting time has changed - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Doors open 5:00 pm.

President's Corner

I'm just back from a Traveling Quilters scouting trip to Michigan! We're headed there in August 2025 for the AQS quilt show and more! We saw some spectacular fall foliage while we were there on our quick 3-day whirlwind trip! While I love living in California, the changing of the leaves in fall is mostly absent here!

The Memorial Service for Keiko was touching. She really was an exceptional, giving person and she will truly be missed. We continue to distribute her quilts where they are needed. 15 have gone to the VA in Westwood . . . just in time for Veterans' Day. We are preparing to deliver quilts to the Venice Family Clinic and Ronald McDonald House.

Last month I mentioned that this year SMQG will be celebrating 35 years as a quilt guild. Some of you have been members for most, if not all, of those 35 years. I recently sent an email out to all members asking for some memories, pictures, etc. Please see that article elsewhere in the newsletter. We'll hope to share lots of memories and photos in the coming months.

Sadly, I learned earlier this week that we've lost another long-time SMQG member. Judith Hartman passed away over the weekend. She and her husband, Roger, had traveled north for a football game. I can only assume it was a Berkeley game as both are loyal alumni. In spite of her health challenges in recent years, she's been showing up at our guild meetings with an armful of philanthropy quilts to donate. She was always generous with her time and energy and has been a major contributor to SMQG's philanthropy efforts. She will be missed. When we learn more about services for Judith we will pass that information along. I'm sure a card or note to her family would be much appreciated.

President – Pam Overton, pam@travelingquilters.com

Program

Our November speaker is Anne Sonner, a local quilter with a special interest in historical and vintage quilts. Anne will be presenting "New Quilts from Vintage Bits" where she shows us how to incorporate rescued vintage quilt blocks into new quilts. To learn more about Anne visit her website: www.annesonnerquilts.wordpress.com



Laurie Reyen, Programs

Vice President

Happy fall to you all! Your Vice President team is cooking up some exciting plans for the coming year, so stay tuned for an announcement in December! In the meantime, let's finish up our outstanding blocks, the apples, the flying geese and the president's block (refer back to your September newsletter for the patterns for all) and bring them to the November meeting.

Happy sewing!

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

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Membership

Just a reminder . . . if you have not yet renewed your membership in the guild, the December newsletter will be the last one that you receive.

I have just returned from a brief trip to Montreal and Quebec City, so forgive me for writing a non-standard report.

1. We were in a French speaking area of Canada but for us tourists, English was not an issue. On a menu—read the fine print under the item and there is the English version. Road signs are mostly in French but the big red octagon that says “ARRET” is clear in any language.

2. Poutine. A Quebec dish like In-N-Out's Animal Fries. Cut up potatoes or fries, covered with a stew or meat and gravy with more vegetables. There are endless variations now of the native dish—Asian style or pizza varieties; obviously a hearty dish for frigid temperatures.

3. Fun fact: They do not accept or use copper pennies. The US will probably follow soon, my guess.

4. I found a modern style quilt shop, on the 2nd floor of an office building in Montreal. Called Monkland [name of the street] Quilt Studio it had lovely up to date fabrics which while attractive, I steered myself from buying. There was a small class of machine quilters in one room and a newspaper article of charity quilts the locals have donated. Nice to know there are quilters in many places who love doing what we all love.

Congratulations to all for renewing your membership. This helps the guild and it helps you get to the all zoom and hybrid meetings (or you don't get the zoom link). The new link will start in January so don't delay.

I'm excited to introduce our new member, Amy Bisson, who joined at the October meeting.

In connection to our anniversary year, we still have charter members who joined that first year: Diane Fulkerson, Jo Hearn, Gerry McGuire, Barbara Spielberg, and Marilyn Vredevoe. So proud to have you.

Aileen Cooke, Membership Chair

SMQG – Remembering the last 35 years!

From Laurie Risk - *I started quilting in 1994, after taking a hand quilting class offered at SM United Methodist Church. I was hooked and began shopping at Gerry McGuire's quilt store. She told me about the SMQG and encouraged me to go.*

My first meeting happened to be in December. I remember walking in with another first timer from NY, whose mother wrote the sequel to Gone With The Wind. I was very embarrassed to find out it was a potluck and not a meeting. I'd brought nothing to contribute and didn't know anyone or what I should do. Stay or leave.

Up walked Kathy Yamazaki. Being her gracious self, she welcomed me and told me not to worry. She handed me a plate and utensils and told me to join her table. I will NEVER forget her kindness. It's times like that that can make or break someone from joining an organization.

I also remember the many places we had to meet after the earthquake. When we met at the school district, a young lady by the name of Mariana Davanzo was sitting near me. We struck up a conversation and have been best friends ever since!

I've always enjoyed quilters college. The one session I remember most was paper piecing taught by Kennalee. It's a technique I use a lot now. I'm certain I would never have experimented with that had it not been for her!

As I go through this chapter of caretaking my mom, and unable to attend the meetings in person, I've been grateful for Aileen Cooke's support, and Emily and Pam who make Zoom possible in helping me still feel connected.

Many quilters have come and



gone. Mariana and I often wonder what became of some of them. I can sincerely say I always look forward to these meetings and all the lovely ladies connected to it!

Thank you SMQG!

And a few photos from Betsey Barker.

Kathryn Small was a fixture at Crazy Ladies and Friends and a long-time member of the guild. Remember when we helped her family put together a quilt show to celebrate her 100th birthday? This is just one of the many quilts that Kathryn made.



Betsey with her quilt at an SMQG Quilt Show.



Diane and Gerry at the Quilt Shop.

Hospitality

Members with last names beginning F thru K are kindly requested to bring a sweet or savory treat to share at the November meeting. Anyone else is also welcome to bring something for hospitality. Thank you to all who make our meetings sweet with a treat to share.

Prima Casetta, Hospitality

Ways and Means

The holidays are quickly coming upon us! Come check our tables for that missing piece of fabric, tool, or magazine or a pattern that you want to make for your family, friends or just because! Cindi has taken the time to make jelly rolls and we certainly have lots of fabric to pick from.

As a reminder, just pick up what you want and I'll give you a price you can't refuse! Magazines are 25 cents, books are a \$1. We have lots of magazines to pick from along with many patterns. Tickets for door prizes are \$1 each or six for \$5 for. Door prizes so far have been jelly rolls and/or layer cakes.

Please remember to bring change if you plan on purchasing. Inevitably, the first person who comes to the table only has a \$20 bill and we usually don't have change. So PLEASE remember to bring along dollar bills to purchase tickets, fabric,

magazines or books. We appreciate your help!

Wishing everyone a early Happy Thanksgiving!

*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

Emily Watts, Web Manager

Show and Tell

October will be an in-person meeting. We're looking forward to Show and Tell to see what you've been working on lately! For those of you on Zoom, send your photos to pam@travelingquilters.com. We'll start to collect them into a slide show. Time permitting we'll show them at the November meeting.

Zoom meeting links

The zoom link will be included in the email when we send the newsletter.

SMQG General Meeting Minutes

2 October, 2024

Hybrid meeting called to order by President Pam Overton at 6:02

Announcements: Don't forget to purchase Ways and Means raffle tickets.

SBQG Hoffman Tour. 10 spaces are still open for the tour on October 24 for SMQG Members. See Pam if interested.

Monthly meetings will be 6:00 – 8:00 going forward

Memorial service for Keiko Tapp – Monday October 14. 11:00 Viewing and 12:00 Service. Church of Latter Day Saints on Sawtelle. Graveside service at 2:00, Woodlawn in Santa Monica.

Keiko's quilts are being distributed to various charities. Marianne Simpson and Sandra are

here to pick up some quilts to go to Providence St John's Hospital for cancer patients on behalf of Pat of Love. (7)

Maureen Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report. Sonja Daniels seconded the motion which was approved by all.

Lani Hee moved to approved the proposed budget for 2024-2025. Maureen seconded the motion which was approved by all.

Laurie introduced our speaker for tonight. Alexandra (Alex) Tsubota. "Landscape Quilts"

Alex shared with us her quilt journey and evolution of her landscape quilts.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Aileen Cooke – Membership renewal forms can be found in the newsletter and at the membership table tonight. Please fill out and renew your membership.

We have a new member tonight Amy Bisson.

Philanthropy: Marianna is not here tonight. We have 3 quilts that need to be quilted and then bound. There is also one quilt that just needs binding. We need the help of the whole guild to get Keiko's tops finished and given away.

Ways and Means: Cindi Garacochea – Lots of new stuff and thread for sale. And fun Raffle prizes too. Cindy has strips and batting ready for placemats.

Vice President: Laurie Reyen and Team – VP will be a team approach this year as no one stepped up for the position. Laurie announces that there will be a meeting later this month to plan for the next half year.

Programs: Laurie Reyen – Speakers are scheduled into next year. We can think about if we want to have a workshop or not. Our November speaker will be Anne Sonner "New Quilts from Vintage Bits". We will have our holiday potluck in December

Newsletter: Jo Hearn – Interesting articles are welcome

Show and Tell: Maureen Gardner, Prima Cassetta, Donna Heiderman, Gwen Oki, Pam Overton, Allison Leong.

Door prizes were drawn.

Thank you to Emily Watts who took quilts to be quilted and Sonia Daniels who took a quilt to be bound.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted, Allison Leong.

Philanthropy

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in to help with the preparation of Keiko's quilts for philanthropy! With your help we were able to send 6 more quilts to the fire victims in Northern California, bringing the total so far to 20. We sent an additional 2 to the fire victims in Wrightwood. We also gave 7 quilts to "Pat of Love" that went to cancer patients at St. Johns Hospital.

We are continuing to collect more patriotic quilts so that we can give them to our veterans -in-need at the VA, preferably by November 11th, Veterans Day.

I will be at this month's in-person meeting if you have any quilts to donate for philanthropy. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Mariana Davanzo, Philanthropy Chair

Birthdays – November

Jeannine	Mendoza	1-Nov
Barbara	Marom-Pollack	2-Nov
Prima	Casetta	4-Nov
Lani	Hee	10-Nov

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
December	Holiday Gathering!		
January (zoom)	Nova Montgomery – A Century of Progress: the 1933 World's Fair – novamontgomery.com		
February (zoom)	Sarah Goer – Developng a Creative 100-day Project – sarahgoerquilts.com		
March (zoom)	Kristie Naranjo – Scrappy Applique – kristieenaranjo.com		
April	Quilters College with demos by some of our very own talented teachers		

Selected Upcoming Southern California Events

February 7-8	Valley Quilters Guild 45th Annual Quilt Show , 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	South Bay Quilters Guild 2025 Quilt Show , 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 www.southbayquiltersguild.org .
March 1-2	Hi Desert Quilt Guild Desert Views – Sunset Hues Quilt Show . 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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APPLE FOR THE TEACHER. Your Block Will Finish at 6 1/2"

Background (White): Cut Four — 1 1/2" squares; Cut Three - 1" squares;
Cut One — 2 x 3 1/2" rectangle; Cut One — 1 1/2 x 2" rectangle

Apple (Reds): Cut Two - 3 1/2 x 5" rectangles, same or different red fabrics

Leaf (Green): Cut One — 1" square; Cut One — 2 x 2 1/2" rectangle.

Before you Stitch: On the wrong side of the fabric, draw a line diagonally across each white background **square** and each green leaf **square** (regardless of the size of the square). All stitching is done with the right sides of the fabric facing.

Left Apple Half: A. Place a 1 1/2" background square on the upper left and lower left corners of an apple rectangle. Stitch on marked lines and trim seams.

B. Place the 1" background square in the upper right corner of the apple rectangle and stitch on the marked line. Trim seam to 1/4".

C. Stitch the 2 x 3 1/2" background rectangle to the top of this apple section, which has a background square stitched on each corner, and measures 3 1/2" across. **Set Apple Half Aside.**

Right Apple Half: D. Place a 1 1/2" background square on the upper right and lower right corners of your second apple rectangle. Stitch on marked lines and trim seams.

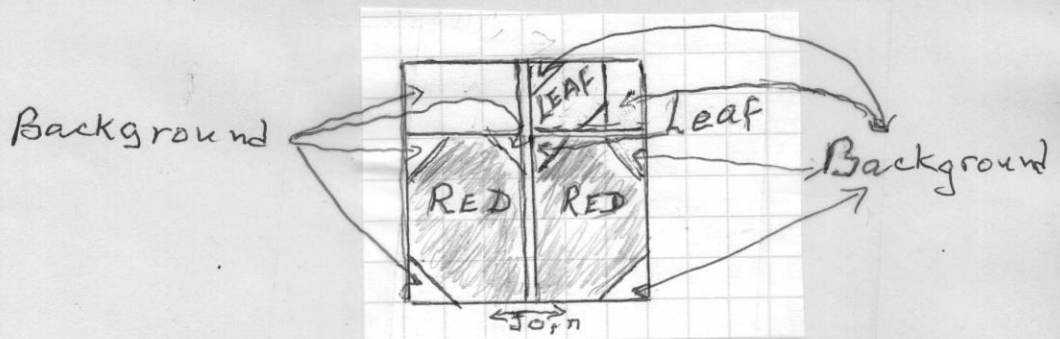
E. Place the 1" green leaf square in the upper left corner of this right apple rectangle, and stitch on the marked line. Trim seam to 1/4". **Set Apple Half Aside.**

Leaf: F. Place a 1" background square on the top left corner and bottom right corner of the 2 x 2 1/2" green rectangle. Stitch on drawn lines and trim.

G. Now, stitch the 1 1/2" x 2" background rectangle to this section. The completed Leaf section will measure 2 x 3 1/2".

H. Stitch the leaf section to the top of the Right Apple Half that you have set aside.

Finish: Stitch the Right Apple Half to the Left Apple Half. **Your Apple For The Teacher is whole!**



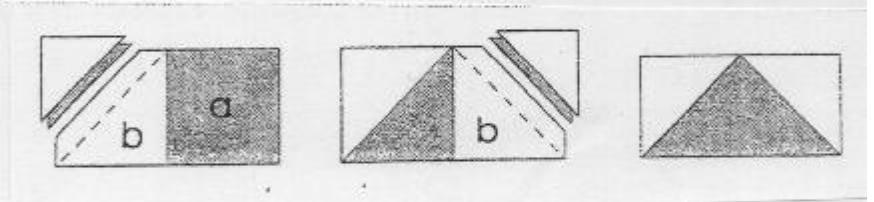
OCTOBER Cutting Instructions:

From each of 4 Colorful/Print fabric strips — Cut 2 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles. You will have a total of 8 rectangles: 2 of each fabric. (a)

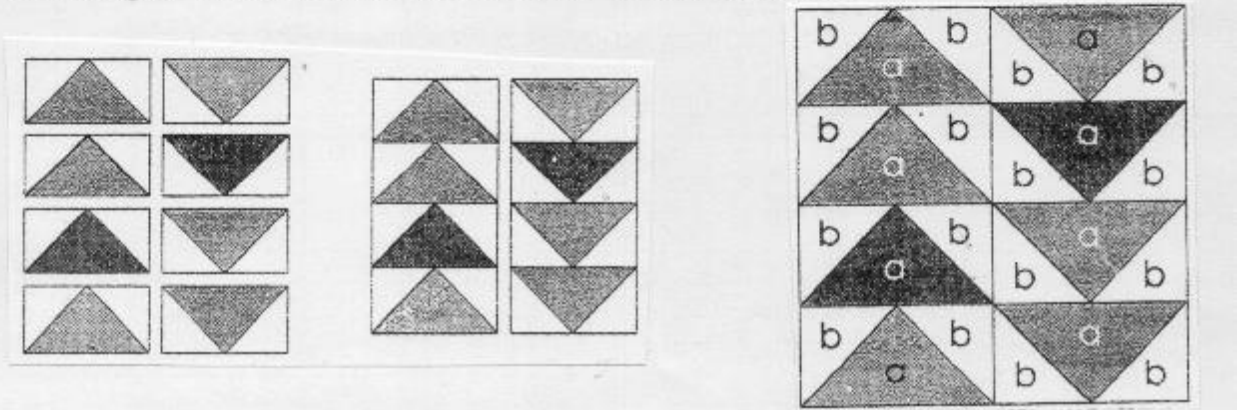
From Cream Fabric (strips if you have them): Cut 16 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. (b)

OCTOBER Sewing Instructions:

Make 8 flying geese. Use 1 colorful rectangle and 2 background squares for each one. Fold each rectangle to find the midpoint, place a square on each end of a rectangle, and sew according to the following diagram:



Then join the geese as shown below. Your finished flying Geese block is the diagram on the right. It will be an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Welcome to Fall!



PRESIDENT PAM'S THANK YOU BLOCK

Traditionally, SMQG members secretly sew a block for the past year's president. This year we are breaking tradition and publishing the block in the Newsletter. No secrets. It's a two color block, straight seams, essentially a four patch. **Let's Go!!**

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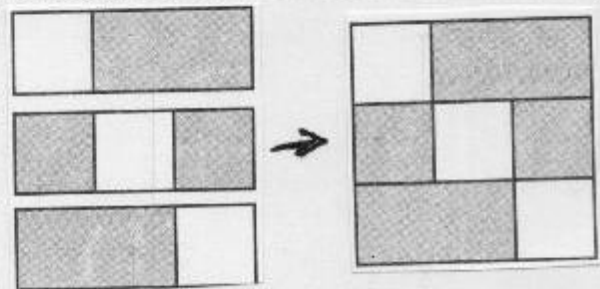
Color: turquoise batik or Kaffe Fassett like turquoise fabric.
Background: white, white on white, or light cream.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS: For both the Background AND Turquoise fabric:****

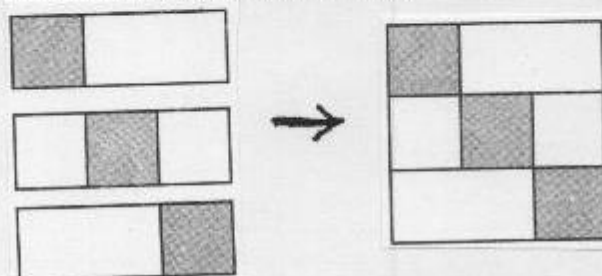
Cut 1 7" x 7" square
Cut 5 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares
Cut 2. 2 1/2 x 4 1/2" rectangles

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

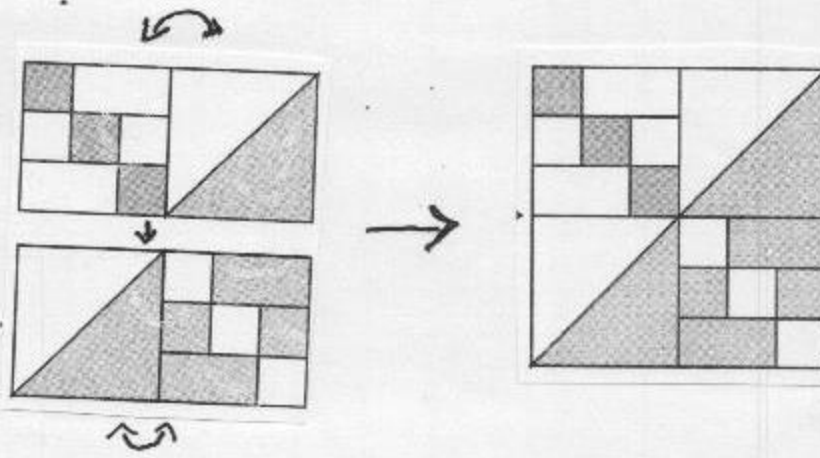
1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the light square. Place the turquoise and white/cream squares right sides together. Stitch 1/4" each side of the diagonal line. CUT on the drawn line. Trim the half-square triangle blocks to 6.5" x 6.5" squares.
2. Pull out 3 light squares, 2 turquoise squares and 2 turquoise rectangles.. Sew 1 light square to one end of **each** turquoise rectangle. Sew the last light square between the two remaining turquoise squares. See diagram below to sew:



3. Pull out 3 turquoise squares, 2 white/cream squares and 2 white/cream rectangles.. Sew 1 turquoise square to one end of **each** light rectangle. Sew the last turquoise square between the two remaining light squares. See diagram below to sew :



4. To finish the block, follow the diagrams below. Keep an eye on placement of each of the four patches. It's not tricky, but it is important. Your block will finish 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".



Shaded
Portions are
Turquoise