Santa Monica Quilt Guild

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Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 7 p.m. ZOOM!

In September, we will once again be on Zoom. Remember . . . the church is NOT air conditioned and in late Summer, early Fall it's hot . . . even in Santa Monica.

Our speaker this month is Julia McLeod. Her topic this month is The Lone Robin. Visit her website to learn more about her (Julia McLeod - Quilts | Lectures | Workshops).

Born and raised in England, Julia worked as a textile designer in the woolen and worsted mills of Yorkshire and Scotland before taking a job with a luxury tailoring company on London's Savile Row. A design position at a menswear company in New York City brought her to the US. She discovered quilt making on travels through the small Amish towns of Pennsylvania. Some of the first quilts she made were for her young children.

Since 2016 she has specialized in making silk quilts, sourcing fabrics from neckties, clothing and furnishing fabrics. She has a passion for reuse and recycling, which leads her to rescue vintage blocks and textiles. These reclaimed fabrics become the starting point for her quilt designs.

President — Laurie Reyen

Hi quilters! Hope you are all staying as cool as humanly possible during these dog days of summer. It has been a little toasty in my sewing room, so I've been mostly sticking to small, handwork projects. What have you been up to? We will be Zooming again for our September meeting, so please remember to send in any Show and Tell pictures to Pam Overton by the Monday before the meeting. We will be having our elections for the new Board at the meeting and will be following up on our discussion of the Guild participating in the Threads of the Game quilt project that is being planned in conjunction with the 2028 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. For more information on this very special project, see the flier in this newsletter. Enjoy the end of summer – see you in September!

Workshop — Pam Overton

Don't forget that Diana Karna will be our November speaker. She will return on Thursday to offer a workshop. Now the real fun begins! In this 6-hour workshop we'll finish quilted back panels, trace and cut pattern pieces, and dive into coat construction. Diana will do live demos on custom pattern adjustments, how to add pockets with binding, collars, and hoods, plus instruction for sewing the tricky parts with confidence. Throughout it all, she will offer plenty of guidance and encouragement so you can walk away with a finished or near finished coat that is a clear expression of your personal quilting style. One of the benefits of the In-Person Workshop is access to pre-cut pattern templates made from sturdy oak tag paper. These save time during the workshop and let you keep your own set of patterns to use for your next coat! Visit her website to learn more. https://www.stitchingstyle.org.

Hospitality — Prima Casetta

September is another Zoom meeting, while we stay at home. And just in time, too, because it's even hotter than last month. Turn on your fan or A/C and see what's in the fridge or freezer for a cool snack while you enjoy our speaker, Julia McLeod.

Membership — Donna Heiderman

We have had another quiet month on the membership front however things are getting ready to rev up again. Membership renewal will begin on October 1st. In late September, you will be able to download an updated membership form on the guild website or sign up online. You will also be able to join or renew your membership at our October 7th in-person meeting. Kennalee has asked that no checks be sent before October 1st.

To Our Members:

Virginia Marshall	Sept 10
Kennalee Mattson	Sept 10
Suzanne Toji	Sept 14
Betsy Barker	Sept 21
Laurie Risk	Sept 21
Yoshi Nickerson	Sept 26

Nominating Committee — Aileen Cooke

2026-2027 Nominations for OFFICERS

Voting takes place at September General Meeting

President	Laurie Reyen
Vice President	Allison Leong
Recording Sec'y	Sheila Cummins
Treasurer	Kennalee Mattson
Newsletter	Kennalee Mattson
Webmistress & Social Media Chair	Suzanne Cole
Membership	Donna Heiderman
Programs & Workshop	Pam Overton & Blair Seibert, asst for Workshops
Ways & Means	Blair Seibert & Katrina Fam
Philanthropy	Cindi Garacochea

APPOINTED OFFICER

Corresponding Sec'y	Betsy Barker
Hospitality	Prima Casetta

Vice President — Allison Leong

It's very difficult to quilt when the weather has been so HOT!!!! Actually, I haven't gotten much done in the last month or so because of other circumstances. Quilting does bring joy and decreases my stress, but sometimes other parts of life get in the way. Hoping that next month will bring a bit more calm and I will be able to focus on more quilting. I have several projects nearing completion.

I hope guild members are able to get some quilting in. I am thinking about our next guild wide project/ activity. Open to suggestions. Meanwhile, happy quilting.

Ways and Means — Perla & Blair

September will be another virtual meeting month, so Ways and Means is taking a break. In the meantime, gather your fabric and notions to donate and $1 bills to spend next month. Beginning in October we'll have "Mystery" Ziplock Bags of a single color of fabric, i.e. a bag of reds, yellows, greens, etc. for those who love scrap quilts!

The prices will vary from $3-5 depending upon how stuffed the bags are so start saving your $1 bills. And if you have pieces of fabrics that are 4" x 4" or bigger please bring them in October as well for future month's "mystery" bags.

Thanks!

Philanthropy — Cindi Garacochea

Thank you, members, for your ongoing donations and support. Even though we are still in the "Dog Days of Summer" we are still collecting all sizes of warm and cozy quilts. We especially need children quilt sizes for local distribution. We also need pillowcases for donations. Stay indoors, keep sewing and keep cool!

Secretary — Sheila Cummins

Minutes of August Meeting – August 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Reyen at 7:00 pm.

The July meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved as presented in the August newsletter. (See the July newsletter for Allison's report on her recent trip to Kyrgyzstan.)

Old Business – Threads of the Game. Last month the Guild voted to commit $500 to sponsor the Threads of the Game quilt exhibition to be presented at multiple sites in conjunction with the 2028 Summer Olympic. Because we lacked a quorum, the Guild must vote again. A decision was made to table the vote until the September meeting. Pam suggested we identify someone to sit on the board as a liaison, and she will ask Jeff Warner, the exhibit organizer, to speak at our September meeting.

Speaker -- Pam introduced the speaker for the evening, Bob Purcell, the owner of YLI thread company. He shared his lecture "Thread Mastery." Bob also shared a booklet on thread and two additional documents on needles and tension, which were sent to us by email.

Board reports

Membership – Donna reported no new members and welcomed guests to tonight's meeting.

Philanthropy – Cindi is still collecting quilts and currently has 8 or 9. Blair asked Cindi to explore the possibility of donating pillowcases to the Ronald McDonald House.

Vice President – Allison had no report.

Programs – Pam reviewed our upcoming speakers (see the newsletter for details): September is Julia McLeod; October is Laura Green (please vote in poll for topic); and November is Diana Karna (quilted jackets), including workshop. Pam is working on speakers for the January and February meetings, which will be on Zoom. Blair has offered to help Pam next year with speaker selection.

Treasurer and Newsletter – Kennalee had no report.

More Old Business – Nominating Committee

Aileen reported that the slate for the upcoming Guild year's board will appear in the September newsletter.

Proposed slate

President -- Laurie Reyen

Vice President – Allison Leong

Treasurer – Kennalee Mattson

Recording Secretary – Sheila Cummins

Webmistress/Social Media – Susanne Cole

Ways & Means – Blair Seibert and Katrina Fam
Philanthropy – Cindi Garacochea
Corresponding Secretary (appointed) – Betsy Barker
Hospitality (appointed) – Prima Casetta

Show and Tell:
Allison (July stitching, philanthropy kids quilt), Pam O. (tumblers, honors quilt program—Vets; baby quilt/philanthropy); Perla (pandas, batiks with white, bright squares, 30s flowers, florals—all for Camp Pendleton)
Door Prizes: Winners were Catherine Baxter, Nancy Webb, Amy Bisson, Sylvia Henry, Donna Heidermann, Aileen Cooke, Mary Lloyd, Mariana Davanzo
Laurie reminded everyone to check out the quilt exhibit The American Quilt: Cloth and Commerce currently at the Bowers Museum, and the special events that are going on in conjunction with it. There will be a Quilt Fair on the 16th and a talk by Chawne Kimber at the end of the month. Visit their website for details: bowers.org

Laurie adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

THREADS of the GAMES
QUILTING ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE
SUMMER 2028

A Special Quilt Exhibition Celebrating Athletic Excellence & Artistic Craftsmanship

Threads of the Games is an upcoming international quilt exhibition that celebrates the powerful intersection of athletic spirit, global unity, and textile artistry. Created by a coalition of Southern California Quilt Guilds, this premier event will showcase high-caliber quilts that capture the movement and emotion of world-class sports throughout Los Angeles during the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2028.

Whether your passion lies in traditional patchwork, modern design, or intricate fiber art, Threads of the Games invites you and your guild to participate in this unique celebration.

Three Challenges for Quilters

The Miniature

High-impact design in exactly two feet square. A uniform format that makes every design decision count double.

The Guild Lottery

Enter the draw, get one random Olympic or Paralympic sport, and sew a single collective 65" x 85" masterpiece.

The Open

Freeform to 85" × 85" (340" around), hung tall or wide. Narrative, conceptual, gloriously unruly.

Call for Entries & Participation

Theme: Summer Olympic and Paralympic sports, athletic excellence, sportsmanship, the global games, athletes, Olympic history, venues and competition.

Techniques Accepted: Piecing, appliqué, art quilting, modern, traditional, hand/machine quilting, and mixed media.

Entry Portal open July 14, 2027 - September 17, 2027

Exhibition Goals: Highlight the incredible talent within the quilting community and local quilt guilds and share our passion for quilting with the global community.

Visit www.ThreadsOfTheGames.org for complete details.
Follow on Facebook and Instagram @ThreadsOfTheGames

2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS
See Roster For Contact Information

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Appointed Officers

Hospitality	Prima Casetta
Parliamentarian	open
Corresponding Sec.	Betsy Barker
Publicity/Social Media	Susanne Cole
Historian	open

S.M.Q.G. Board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Any member is invited to attend. Next: September 16, 2026

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS AT THE BOARD MEETING

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