Santa Monica Quilt Guild

PO Box 5514, Santa Monica, CA 90409-5514

Volume 37, Issue 1 October 2026

Happy Halloween

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 6 p.m.

Our guest speaker this month is Laura Greene. Her topic is How I Transitioned through Traditional, Modern, and Art Quilting. Laura will bring a trunk show of her work to share with us.

From Laura . . . "My creative quilt journey is unique evolved over more than three decades. Hand stitching a traditional sampler quilt sparked a lifelong passion for the craft. Then participating in the Pine Needles Quilt Guild, I gained a strong foundation in piecing, precision, quilt construction, and free-motion quilting. As my quilting continued to evolve, I helped establish the Inland Empire Modern Quilt Guild. This community gave me the principles of modern quilting, and I formed lasting friendships with fellow innovators. More recently, I have explored artistic design by studying art quilts, discovering my own artistic voice, and creating quilts that express personal ideas and stories. This presentation shares how each stage of my quilting journey has built upon the last, demonstrating that learning, growth, and creativity continue throughout a quilter's life."

As always members are welcome to join us for dinner with Laura before the meeting. Please let Pam Overton know so that we can ensure that we have you included in our dinner reservation.

In November, our speaker is Diana Karna. In addition to her lecture and trunk show at the guild meeting, she is also offering a Quilted Coat workshop on Thursday after the meeting. We will have a sample of one of her "quilted coats" to share at the October meeting. We are accepting workshop signups now. We ask that you sign up this month by the close of the October meeting. See the attached flyer to learn more about Diana's lecture and workshop.

SEE ADDENDUM ON LAST PAGE REGARDING THE GLOBAL QUILT CONNECTION

President — Laurie Reyen

Happy fall everybody! Looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting on Wednesday, October 7. For those of you who can't be there in person, we will have a Zoom link.

We will have some business to review at our October meeting. We will be asking for approval for the proposed budget for the Guild for the coming year. You will find the proposed budget in this newsletter. Please take a moment to review it before the meeting.

October Is also our month for membership renewals. We will have a special gift for every new or renewing member at our October meeting. (Actually, all October renewals are eligible for the gift!)

Finally, in October we welcome our new Board officers and give a very big thank you to our outgoing Board members. This year marks Perla Rothenberg's departure from the Board. Perla has been the backbone of our Ways and Means program for more than a decade. We cannot overstate how much we appreciate all she has done for the Guild in that role. Fortunately, Perla is still an active member of the Guild and we will see her smiling face at our Guild meetings. Thank you Perla!

Hospitality — Prima Casetta

We're back in person for the October meeting! Members with last names beginning H-N are kindly requested to bring something sweet or savory to share. If your name begins with any other letter, you are also welcome to bring something if you wish. Thank you to all who bring treats. It is much appreciated.

Philanthropy — Cindi Garacochea

Thank you, members, for your donations. Miriam's House always appreciates our quilts, especially twin bed size and sizes for the children and babies. They would love pillowcases too; their exact answer was "omg yes". Larger quilts will be donated soon to the Ronald McDonald House.

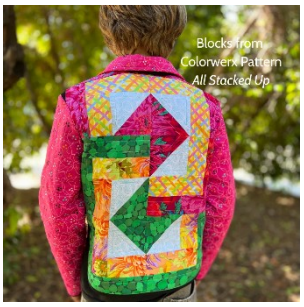
Total Donations October 2025-September 2026

6 Quilts	Ronald McDonald House
25 Quilts	Miriam's House-Kid Sizes
12 Quilts	Miriam's House-Mommy Sizes
6 Flannels	Miriam's House-Babies and Nursing

Join us for our November 4, 2026 "in-person" meeting at Santa Monica First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th Street, Santa Monica – doors open at 5:30, meeting begins at 6:00 pm. There is also a workshop the following day, November 5, 2026 (same location), 10:00 – 4:00 pm. Guests are welcome at our meeting. The normal guest fee of $5 will be waived if you are registered for the workshop.

Live and In-Person Quilted Coat Lecture

Enjoy this informative lecture on sewing quilted coats. We will go in depth on the pattern, how to take measurements for the best fit, go over several different finishing methods, and talk about adding collars and hoods.



Get inspired with plenty of ideas for customization—and one of the best (and most fun!) parts of this in-person lecture is the opportunity to try on coats in the whole range of sizes.

After the lecture there is plenty of time for guests to try on coats, ask questions, and confirm that perfect fit.

Quilted Coat Workshop - Live and In-Person

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. I'll 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, Diana offers 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 for more examples of the workshop project. https://stitchingstyle.myshopify.com/pages/gallery-of-coats

The workshop fee is $45 for SMQG members and $55 for non-members. In addition, there is a charge of $30 for the coat pattern. That fee is payable to the teacher, Diana Karna, at the workshop.

To register for the workshop, send your check (payable to SMQG) today to Pam Overton, 672 17th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. You may also pay by Zelle. If paying by Zelle, contact pam at pam@travelingquilters.com or(310) 701-2706. Upon payment receipt the supply list will be sent to you. Please register on or before Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

Santa Monica Quilt Guild
Membership Application October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027

Today's Date:_____

Name:_____

Address:_____

City/State/Zip:_____

Cell Phone:_____ Day/Evening Phone:_____

Email:_____ Birthday (Month/Day):_____

Membership Categories:

New:_____ Renewing:_____Member Since:_____ Charter Member:_____

Membership Dues and Fees:
Regular (incl Seniors) $45:_____ Youth (under 18 yrs) $15 _____
Newsletter Only $15_____
Donations to the guild as a 501.3(c) _____ (fully tax deductible)

Our monthly newsletter is delivered by email. OK:_____
If you would like a paper copy via US Mail please add $15 _____ (covers postage/supplies)

Name of Friendship Group to which I belong:_____
I am interested in joining/forming a Friendship Group:_____Availability: Day__ Evening__

The guild needs your help. To enjoy all of the benefits a membership provides, please serve as much as possible. Can you help on one of these committees?
General Volunteer at Meetings___ Hospitality___ Philanthropy___ Programs___
Ways and Means___ Tech Team/Zoom Help___
Maybe you have talents/expertise you can share with the guild. (i.e., expertise w/Excel, Word, event planning, AV help, Pro tips, ...)

There are 3 ways to join or renew your membership: bring this form and payment to a guild meeting, online at https://www.santamonicaquiltguild.org, or by mail with a check made out to Santa Monica Quilt Guild mailed to: Kennalee Mattson 2329 Boone Ave. Venice, CA 90291

For Membership Committee Only:
*Date:*_____ *Amt Rec'd*_____ *Check #*_____ *Cash*_____
September 2026

Membership — Donna Heiderman

It is time to renew your membership to SMQG! Membership renewal will begin on October 1st. There are 3 ways to join the guild or renew your membership:

1) Aileen Cooke will be collecting forms and payment at our October guild meeting (forms will be available at the meeting or on the SMQG website)

2) online at https://www.santamonicaquiltguild.org,

3) mail your form with a check made out to Santa Monica Quilt Guild to:
Kennalee Mattson 2329 Boone Ave. Venice, CA 90291

To Our Members:
Amy Bisson
Sonja Daniel
Nancy Kawahara
Mary Lloyd

In Remembrance of Nancy Sharpe — *By Aileen Cooke*

Though Nancy has not been an active member of SMQG in recent years, she was a member for many years. As I look back, I realize I have known her for more than 23 years.

I first met her at a YWCA Step aerobics class. The YW was the building at 14th and Bay now a SMC building is going up on the site.

Later we met at a guild meeting and looked at each with recognition and "What are you doing here?" At the time she drove her friend, Geraldine Smith, to the meetings. Geraldine was already a quilter before meeting Nancy, and I suppose she was the grandmother of us quilters in that she taught quilting to Nancy and Nancy to us newbees.

In 2003, a group of us formed a mini group, "Smashin' Stashers". Other groups in the guild were full, and we managed to soon become a group of friends who loved quilting. It's an odd phenomenon that people with different personalities can join around a common interest and get along. Of the 9 at our first meeting, 6 stayed together and a few others joined after joining the guild. Yes, Nancy was a charter member.

When Nancy retired, she started the "Boutique" at St. Monica's, and they would make a quilt to raffle off and sell items made by the ladies at their weekly meetings. Their work continues and is a source of fundraising.

Nancy Sharpe and her husband, Bill Sharpe, both longtime residents of Santa Monica died in August. Bill predeceased Nancy by 19 days; both were in their 90's.

Her memorial service will be October 13 at 10:00 AM at St Monica's. Reception to follow.

Vice President — Allison Leong

It's the start of a new quilting year for our guild. Hopefully we can think about what interesting projects we might work on in the coming months. Some of us are very organized and are already working on holiday gifts. I haven't gotten around to that and might not this year. Inspiration needs to strike.

We are considering a couple of different projects for the 2026-2027 quilting year. There will be a signup sheet at the October meeting for those who might be interested in the Lone Robin project. Our September speaker, Julie McLeod talked with us about her experience with Lone Robin. We had actually had this project during COVID lock down. I found it to be a good challenge for me to use the fabric on hand and I will bring my quilt from that challenge as an example. Lone Robin projects are done individually and incorporate prompts that are given out (probably once a month). Each quilter has complete freedom of fabric choice, design, size and every other variable.

Another possible activity is block of the month however this is most successful when a larger number of members participate. Something to consider.

Think about challenging yourself this year!

Ways and Means — Blair Seibert & Katrina Fan

Come and visit the Ways and Means table this month. We have new merchandise including bags of color sorted fabrics in see-thru bags! Bring small change (especially $1 bills) for some of these $1-4 goodies.

Also, we can use some new donations after our "everything is free" give away last time we met. The table will be set up by 5:30. We look forward to seeing you! Blair and Katrina

Secretary — Sheila Cummins

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

The Guild approved the minutes, and the treasurer's report as presented in the September newsletter.

Laurie introduced Jeff Warner, who had been invited to speak to the Guild about Threads of the Game, a coalition of Southern California Quilt Guilds that will present an Olympic sport-themed quilt exhibition in multiple southern California venues during the 2028 Olympic Games. The organization is asking for a $500 contribution from the Guild to become a sponsor. The entire collection of quilts will be shown at Road to CA Jan and Road to VA in June and he is

looking for additional free exhibition venues for July of 2028. A q&a followed the presentation. Jeff answered questions about the exhibit and his background and experience.

Speaker

Pam Overton introduced the speaker for the evening, Julia McLeod, who spoke from Walnut Creek in the Bay Area. Julia presented her "Lone Robin" quilt made in response to six monthly prompts during the Covid19 pandemic. In addition to her own quilt, Julia included a slide show of examples made by members of San Francisco Quilt Guild and East Bay Heritage Quilters following the same prompts. Part 2 consisted of a trunk show slide show of her own quilts: neckties, saris, other repurposed clothing and upcycled fabrics; flying geese, rescued blocks, drunkard's path and others.

Board Reports

Membership (Donna H.) September is the last month of 2025-26 quilt year. The updated membership form will appear in the Oct newsletter; please don't send any checks to Kennalee until Oct.1.

Philanthropy (Cindi G.) Miriam's Place needs quilts for adults and children by September 14 (she has 7 for children and 10 that are larger). Pillowcases are another option. Cindi is also trying to reach Venice Family Clinic to see if they have any needs.

Vice-President (Allison) Allison suggested the Guild participate in a Lone Robin for its next group project.

Programs (Pam O.) Pam and Blair are going to look at techniques that we've covered in the last couple of years to get a sense of what direction to take with upcoming speakers. The Global Quilt Connection in October should supply a list of potential speakers we might want to engage. The October speaker is Laura Green, a member of the Inland Empire Modern QG, who will present a trunk show. The meeting will be in person. Diana Karna will speak at the November meeting, which will also be in-person.

Treasurer (Kennalee) The budget will appear in October's newsletter. The board will view it first at their Sept. meeting. A discussion of the Guild's expenses ensued. Costs have gone up in many areas.

Elections – Aileen called for volunteers to serve on the Board (there were none). The ballot having been published in the Sept newsletter, Aileen read the slate aloud. She clarified that Blair is a volunteer co-chair of Programs.

Aileen called for a vote and the slate was voted in. Congratulations to the new Board! Laurie expressed thanks to Aileen, Emily Watts and Susanne Cole for serving on the nominating committee.

Old Business

Threads of the Game Vote - A motion was made that the Guild become a sponsor of Threads of the Games. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Show and Tell: Philanthropy quilts (Cindi), Lani (2026 mystery), Allison (August stitching, sewing machine cover), Virginia Marshall (orphan blocks), Kennalee (cross stitch piece), Carrie, Allison again (Lone Robin)

Door Prize winners were Vicki Fisher-Lerer, Guest, Susanne Cole, Perla, Catherine, Carrie, Sue Correll

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

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

2026-2027 BOARD MEMBERS
See Roster For Contact Information

President	Laurie Reyen
Vice President	Allison Leong
Recording Secretary	Sheila Cummins
Treasurer	Kennalee Mattson
Newsletter Editor	Kennalee Mattson
Membership	Donna Heiderman
Philanthropy	Cindi Garacochea
Program/Workshop	Pam Overton
Webmistress	Susanne Cole
Ways and Means	Blair Seibert & Katrina Fan

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: October 21, 2026

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS AT THE BOARD MEETING

SEWING ARTS

2306 Corinth Ave.
contactus@sewingarts.com
(310) 450-4300

Store Hours

Wednesday	12-4pm
Thursday	12-4pm
Friday	12-4pm
Saturday	11am-4pm
Sunday	11am-4pm
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed

...and always open at sewingarts.com!

Longarm services and training available!

- Free-motion and automated designs for 5¢/square inch
- Training for $249, then rental for $35/hour

Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild Presents
"Where Quilts & Friendships Bloom"

QUILT SHOW

100+ Quilts Demos • Boutique

Vendors • Raffles • Car Show • Food Trucks

OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2026

10am to 4pm – Admission $10 – Two days $15

SCV SENIOR CENTER - BELLA VIDA (FREE PARKING)
27180 GOLDEN VALLEY ROAD - SANTA CLARITA, CA 91350
More Info @ www.scvquiltguild.org

October 24-25 – The guild has registered for the Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter. The Sampler Platter takes place over two afternoons (October 24-25) and offers back-to-back quilting demos, streamed live for all guild members to watch (together or apart).

Saturday's teachers include Lyric Kinard, Sarah Goer, Lynn Christiansen, Julia McLeod, Helen Smith Stone, Becky Campbell, Jennifer Rapacki, Ann Wasserman, Carol Wilhoit, and Diane Harris.

On Sunday the speakers are Laureen Smith, Theresa Benson, Roxane Lessa, Gunnel Hag, Pattie Klimek, Ana Buzzalino, Catherine Redford, Pat Daniels, Eleanor Levie, and Bea Byrne. The speakers offer a wide variety of techniques and quilt genres. And, yes, several of them have spoken at SMQG in recent years!

This is your opportunity to essentially "preview" speakers to help us identify which speakers we want to include in future guild programs.

The week before the program we will send you a reminder and the link and any accompanying documents that they provide to us. If you can't view the presentations in real time, they will be recorded and available for viewing for two weeks after the event. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. At the end of the two-week period we will send out a survey to get your feedback!

Members: We have SMQG official aprons to give to all renewing members and new members at the October meeting [dare I say, while supplies last!]. And if you don't need an apron, I can show you how to convert it into a tote bag. Come to the Membership Table and join the fun.