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Join us for a Virtual Zoom Meeting on June 2.

President's Corner

Hello Quilters!

We had a very good outdoor, socially-distanced fabric sale!!! I'm guessing only half of you all showed up. So, there is fabric leftover! That means we will have another sale later on in the year.

The Nomination process has started. Veronica volunteered to be the member from the Board. Now we just need 2 more volunteers to make up the committee. I will be asking at the June meeting, so please step up to help your Guild!

Still no word on when the church will allow us to meet in person, so plan to attend the June 2 Zoom meeting. See you there!

Continue to keep calm and quilt on! Kennalee

President – Kennalee Mattson

Program

Hope you enjoyed our May speaker, Michelle Banton. No wonder fabric is expensive! It takes a lot of work to get it from the field to our sewing rooms.

In June we welcome Kathy McNeil. Those of you that are applique aficionados will certainly recognize Kathy and her body of work. Hand appliqueing thousands of little scraps of fabric together, she creates quilts that look like paintings. These wall hangings are inherently and symbolically full of love and comfort. Often using over a hundred different fabrics in one composition, she revels in adding small details and surprises for the viewer to find. The quilting itself adds an additional elements of texture to her work. Her quilts are frequently featured in museums, magazines, calendars, and international shows. Many of her quilts are in private collections.

Her lecture is *Quilting – the Health and Happiness Project*. Sharing tips has always been a hallmark of our quilting community. Kathy shares tips on design, construction and quilting from her 20 years of award winning work. This lecture is fun, educational, and has real scientific studies supporting the benefits of a creative quilting life. Quilting is good for you! Come learn how creativity in your work affects your joy in life.

Remember . . . Guests are welcome to join our virtual meetings from here, there, or anywhere! We now have a link on our website for them to request the link and pay their guest fee just as they would for an "in-person" meeting. This month, however, we do have one caveat. We are contractually limited to no more than 10 guests at this meeting. If you have friends that want to join us, please have them sign up early.

We've been busy contacting teachers from around the country and we're happy to report that to date we have re-engaged Dora Cary (date TBD) and have booked Carole Lyles Shaw for September. Watch the website for updates.

Program Chairs – Aileen Cooke and Pam Overton

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Vice President

SCCQG Rep News – Next SCCQG meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 17. The topic is Fundraising: Renovated and Revitalized. The location is TBD (in person or via Zoom). Stay tuned for further details or check the website www.SCCQG.org

LONE ROBINS . . . It is not too late to participate. All you have to do is start! We are on Element 3.

To start: Select a base (an unused block or a chunk of fabric or some leftover piece of a quilt)

Element 1. Add a curve or a circle of some kind. Can be appliqued, pieced, embroidered…

Element 2. Add some flying geese of any size and/or number.

Element 3. Your third element must include strips or stripes. You could piece your stripes or use a stripey fabric. They can be straight or wavy, chunky or pencil thin. The stripes can be evenly distributed or just appear in a few small areas. The possibilities are endless. Don't forget to check Google and/or Pinterest for some ideas. Good luck Lone Robins!

We got **BAGS**! Thanks to the generosity of Veronica G. and Aileen C. we have approximately 20 bags to donate to the El Segundo Blue Chapter of EGA for toiletries donations during the holidays. I am still accepting bags. Our goal is 100. Please let me know if you have any that need to be collected. Thank you for your help.

Vice President – Olivia Carnahan

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.

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Webmistress – Emily Watts

Membership

We are making plans for our traditional, New Member Garden Party Tea on July 10, 2021, to be held in Maureen Gardner's Garden. New and "old" members are invited.

Please save the Date July 10th 2021

Sally Madigan & Maureen Gardner - Membership Co-Chairs

Birthdays – June

Patti Post	6/12	Allison Leong	6/22

SMQG General Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2021

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May 5, 2021

SMQG Quilt guild members gathered on Zoom for its May 2021 general meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Kennalee Mattson at 7:00 pm and welcomed guests.

Since the evening speaker, Michelle Banton was from Massachusetts, her presentation "Cotton to Consumer" scrap quilts began the evening. After an informative and entertaining talk, she answered a number of questions.

Business Meeting:

The April 2021 minutes and treasurer's report were accepted by acclamation.

Kennalee informed members that next month (June) begins our elections process. She encouraged members to consider volunteering for a board position to keep our guild functioning. Most members of the current board have been serving for 3 years.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: Olivia encouraged members to participate in the guild's Lone Robin. Details were in the April newsletter. She encouraged members to share their progress on Instagram or the guild's Facebook page. Olivia will be at the fabric sale this weekend if members want to bring any toiletry bags for the EGA holiday project.

Membership: Maureen Gardener is hoping to host a new members tea at her home on July 10 if COVID guidelines allow the guild to do so.

Newsletter: Laurie thanked Betsy Barker for her article in the April newsletter. She welcomes articles from members.

Philanthropy. No report

Ways and Means and Hospitality: No report.

Website: No report.

Program and Workshops: Pam and Aileen welcome suggestions. There will be a virtual Meet the Teachers event on June 1.

Show and Tell: Pam organized a slide show of quilts submitted by members. Members who submitted quilts were Bobbie Blake, Maureen Gardener and Pam Overton.

Door Prize Members who won door prizes were: Veronica Gray, Nancy Kawahara, Virginia Marshall,

Sally Madigan, Luann Jaffe, Evelyn Moyer, Marianna Davanzo and Kathleen Couts.

Kennalee reminded members there will be a fabric sale at The Quilt House on Saturday, May 8 from 10am to 2pm. Masks and Social Distancing required!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Veronica Gray

Ways and Means

Save up all your donations – we'll have the best Ways and Means sale ever when we gather in person!

Perla Rothenberg, Ron and Keiko Tapp

Notes From the Field

JOE CUNNINGHAM'S QUILT FREEDOM WEBINAR

"I make quilts to be positive existential objects that will look and feel like something that can warm you against the coldness of the universe."

One of the principles of the Modern Quilt movement is to take traditional blocks and play with them to make new combinations. In his online class for May 2021, Joe Cunningham inspired play with a simple X block. He began with a white background and two narrow strips of dark blue to form the X. Then he listened to the viewer's comments to expand this idea.

He showed how to make the X block so that the strips matched as they crossed in the center. For those of us who have despaired of getting the strips to match, he showed clearly how to align the sides to make the final product a square.

But then he threw matching the strips out. The strips became uneven, going from thin to wide across the block. Putting these blocks on the design wall brought in a wonky element that encouraged the eye to move across the quilt.

Next, he replaced with white background with a patterned fabric, and put it on the design wall. More blocks followed with dark backgrounds and light strips wonky widths. What had started as a bland two-color quilt had come alive in just a few minutes by changing one aspect at a time. This was improvisation in easy steps.

The class had begun with Carolyn Ducey (from the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska) showing antique quilts in the X pattern. Many of these were strip quilts made from scraps where the center strip of the block was kept the same color. Yet the quilts had a strong impact despite a very simple traditional pattern.

But Joe had another surprise for us. He had a live piano performance from a well-known blues and boogie-woogie player. Mr. B rocked the house playing the Vicksburg Blues! Joe revealed that both he and Mr. B hailed from Flint, Michigan. Joe said that he brought Mr. B on his show in part to prove that there was something good from Flint despite the water problems that have been on the news.

As Joe noted, without Zoom he never would have been able to bring in Carolyn Ducey and Mr. B's piano into the three-hour performance. While I have attended several of Joe's recent monthly classes, I wasn't aware that I could sign up as a Patreon all-access supporter (view Patreon subscription details). Not only would this allow me to attend his upcoming classes for free, but it would also give me access to recordings of past classes. If you are interested, here's Joe's website for the details: Joe's Online Classes

See you at Joe's next class!

Betsy (Janet) Barker, Interactive Media Development and Quilt Artist

Philanthropy

We just received a large number of quilts made by some of our board members quilting at the Quilt House which we will be donating very soon. If any of you have some quilts to donate please let me know so we can make arrangements to either pick up or you drop off at my house. CASA will be opening soon and will be accepting our quilt donations again. They would appreciate pillow cases too as long as they relate to the quilt donation. Hope you are all keep happy, healthy, and busy.

Luann Jaffe and Bobbie Blake, Philanthropy Co-Chairs

SMQG Schedule of Events

While we're all staying at home for the time being, your Program chairs are busy working to fill out our calendar for this year and next with interesting speakers.

Date	Speaker/Teacher	Lecture	website
June 2	Kathy McNeil	*Quilting – the Health and Happiness Project*	https://www.kathymcneilquilts.com/
July			
August	Dora Cary	TBD	www.orangedotquilts.com
September	Carole Lyles Shaw	TBD	https://carolelylesshaw.com/

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