



Needle & Thimble News



President's Message

Welcome to the year 2020. Unbelievable, but if we keep saying it enough, it'll eventually sink in. 2019 was a great, productive year. We donated 200 cuddle quilts to Becky's House, had several wonderful speakers & workshops, completed numerous UFO's throughout the last two challenges (with more to come!) and 20 ladies attended the retreat last May. If possible I hope you can attend this year's retreat and enjoy the fun, fellowship and food!



Barbara Perez's memorial will be Sunday, Jan. 12 at Scripps Seaside Forum in La Jolla. We're to gather at 3:30pm, the service starts at 4:00. They'd like to know how many will be attending and we're encouraged to car-pool. Details are on line at: bbperez.com

Mark your calendar: Jan. 14th's speaker will be Pam Hadfield and her Dresden Runner workshop is Saturday Jan. 18th.

Road to CA is January 23-26. Some of us are taking the Traveling Quilter's bus. I don't know if they still have room, but you could also try other tours such as Day Trippers. This will be my first year taking a bus. It just sounds easier than driving up & back on the same day or bearing the expense of a hotel - which I've done both - but it's a great show & worth the trip any which way you can get there.

Kathy Barnes
President

Happy New Year!!!

Now that the holiday rush is over I am looking forward to showing you the next pattern up for the cuddle quilts. I will be bringing kits. If you need backings or batting, please let me know ahead of time and I will bring them to the guild.

Tanya Althof
Cuddle Quilt Coordinator

Dear Sunshiners,

Thanks for all the notes, cards and good wishes. Your thoughtfulness means so much to me. I am happy to say that the cancer treatment and stomach surgery have been successful and I'm the road to full recovery. I have joined the Camarillo quilt guild and have made a few quilts for their charity programs. I'm looking forward to making more. I miss Sunshine very much and think of all of you often.

Love to all,
Gaylon Monteverde



Dear Secret Pal,
Thank you for the Cute buttons, and the chocolate. Please put in a thank you to Santa for the pattern and fabric kit too! Amazing! You are so generous!
Anita



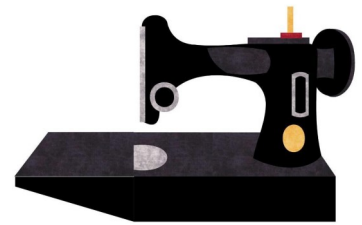
2019-2020 Opportunity Quilt "Warm Regards"

- ◆ Get your tickets for this beauty , \$1 each or six for \$5.
- ◆ Grab some tickets and sell to your friends and family.
- ◆ Take to another guild or organization

FOR SALE:

Featherweight 221 for sale. \$450.00. Recently refurbished. It is like new now and in perfect condition.

Janet Harris 619-390-5224



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November / December Quilt	Cecelia Midgette
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Sunshine Quilters of San Diego

Lectures and Workshops

January 14, 2020 – Trunk Show and Dresden Runner Workshop

Pam Hadfield is an award-winning quilter and teacher who works with traditional piecing, cotton applique, applique with wool and embroidery stitch enhancements. In her trunk show, she will be sharing a variety of quilts of mixed techniques and pictorial quilts. The Dresden Runner workshop will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

March 10, 2020 – Free Motion Creativity and Modern FMQ Fillers and Fun Workshop

Mel Beach is a quilt artist, teacher and lecturer who loves stretching her creativity through her completion of more than 70 quilt challenges at the local and international level. She is an Aurifil Artisan, Michael Miller Fabric Ambassador, and a Featured Artist on The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. The Modern FMQ Fillers and Fun workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

April 14, 2020 – Got Color and Large Mod Dog Workshop

Linda Sullivan is intensely passionate about the art of quilt making, adding a contemporary whimsical look adventurous applique and fearless use of color. She has designed over 100 quilt patterns, authored two books and even designed a 'Fun and Bright' fabric line. The Large Mod Dog workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 15, where the students will learn the basics of fun improv/wonky piecing, and fusible web machine applique.

May 12, 2020 – My Applique Journey and Crazy Cushion Workshop

Becky McDaniel is an instructor and lecturer who will share her applique journey, give us a trunk show and outline the several types of applique she does in her projects. She won the Judges Recognition Award for her My Circle Jubilee quilt at the Spring 2019 Paducah show, will be published in the AQ magazine and be featured in the March 2020 AQ Calendar. The Crazy Cushion workshop will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020.

Refreshments Reminder

January Birthdays please bring a snack to share!

Contact Margaret Jencks if you have questions.



I am having so much fun with the 2019-2020 UFO Challenge! I would rather not be doing the quilting part, but my "stitch-in-the-ditch" sewing is being perfected. This time #7 was called into work...have you got yours done? I am excited that my seven projects are going to our cuddle quilts charity where they will be loved. I don't think it is too late to start in if you are interested.

-Sandi Delman

Our January Trunk Show/Workshop

In January, Pat Hadfield will be our speaker, and she will lead a workshop on a Dresden Runner. At this point, we only have 7 ladies signed up for the workshop on Saturday, January 18th. If we don't get some additional entries, we will need to cancel the workshop at least 30 days in advance.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Kathy Manuel at 619-823-9707 or kemanuel1953@gmail.com.



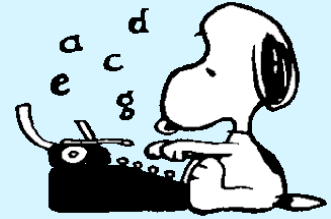
Be sure to check-out the new Seasonal Opportunity Quilt for January/February. Wonder what it will be?

Bring your finished BOM and \$\$\$ to start off 2020 with a new Block of the Month!

On another note: I participated in Rosie's 2019 UFO Challenge and won a \$100 gift certificate. This was my 2nd year of participation. In 2018, I did not qualify because I only completed 9 of 10 UFOs. This year I pushed myself to complete the 10 of 10 challenge by December. What a pleasant surprise when I received the 12-31 email announcement! Thanks to Rosie's for the challenge!! I don't know if she is continuing the program. If you are interested, just email Rosie at rozgonzalez@cox.net and let her know. If it works the same way, when you hear that she is continuing the challenge...you send her a list of 10 UFOs and then she chooses a number each month. You then send her a picture of the completed UFO at the end of the month.

-Teresa Keane

Sunshine Quilters of San Diego
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2019



Kathy Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements:

- Craft items left from the craft fair were for sale at the meeting.
- Barbara Perez's funeral arrangements were announced
- YWCA Chief Executive Officer sent a letter thanking our guild for donating 112 cuddle quilts.

UFO Challenge: 17 challengers are participating, and all but 2 members completed their #4. They each contributed \$1 to the pot. Julie Dale won the \$10.00 drawing. The project to complete for January is #7 on your list.

Reports:

Programs: Kathy Manuel announced the 1st workshop will be in January. It will be a Dresden plate table runner. Sign up in the back of the room. There will also be workshops in Feb, April and May.

Sunshine Quilters' Retreat: Candi Ravenscraft announced the deposit for this year's retreat is due tonight at the December meeting. The retreat dates are May 14 - 17, 2019 at La Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula.

Secret Pal: More participants are welcome. E-mail Susan Cox for more information and to sign up.

Seasonal Opportunity Quilt: The November/December seasonal quilt by Cecelia Midgette was won by Carolyn Matthias.

Monthly Block: Alice Saare won Peggy Jencks' November blocks. For December 2019 block kits, Susan Cox is featuring a Windmill variation and provided the white background and dark green fabric. Member's are to provide the medium green fabrics.

Saturday Sew-In: 4th Saturday of the month, 10:00-3:00 at Lakefront Community Center, 9395 Harritt Rd. All are welcome.

A delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. Several fun seasonal quilt-themed games were played. A reproduction Singer treadle machine was auctioned off and sold for \$60.00. Many people won door prizes tonight including the lovely centerpieces from the tables.

Meeting was adjourned by 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Bisson



Member highlight this month is Sherri Necochea



“Hi. I’m Sherri Necochea and I was born Oct. 29, 1944 in Houston Texas. My father was in the Marines and we moved quite often. I went to 11 schools in 12 years, counting the usual changes from elementary to Jr. High. My mother worked most of my younger life and I was an only child until I was 14 when my parents adopted my sister Mary from an orphanage in Japan.

Favorite toys as a child were my dolls, pogo stick and a tiny sewing machine with a hand crank. It looked like a featherweight but was a toy. It did however make real stitches. At age 8 I learned to embroidery from my Paternal Grandmother. I began to sew clothing when I was 13 and haven't stopped yet. Curiously, my mother never did either of these things. When I was an adult she would show up with stacks of fabric and ask me to make several garments for her for vacation.

I graduated from Anaheim High school. That is IN Anaheim, NOT Los Angeles. I watched an Orange grove turn into Disneyland and later much time was spent with High School friends in the park. (I think it was \$1.50 to get in and you could buy single tickets if you wanted to do a ride.) I graduated in 1962. When my Dad retired from the Marines we moved to San Bernardino. That summer I worked as a Camp Counselor in the mountains. When all was said and done I think I made 15 cents an hour but it was fun.

I started my college years at San Bernardino Valley College, made friends with 4 other great women and we all transferred to San Diego State .(The summer before going to SDSU I worked of all places, in a fabric shop.) The 4 of us graduated in 1966/67 and we remain the best of friends. Fortunately all our husbands get along.

In 1968 I went to work for the County of San Diego as a Group Counselor at the 24 hour detention facility for teen girls. In 1974 I transferred to Adult Investigations working in the court house downtown. One day while waiting for the court car, a handsome brown eyed detective invited me to coffee. Happy to say my “Yes” to coffee resulted in the best decision of my life and now, almost 36 years of happiness. Several promotions over 25 years brought me to Senior Probation Officer in, of all places, the 14-17 yr. boys unit in Juvenile Hall. Guess the world just goes round and round

In 1993 I took my first quilt class from Kathy Green in Adult Ed. I was hooked. My first was a sampler quilt in her class. I wish someone had advised me not to use metallic fabric (not stabilized) for the center circle in a Mariners Compass! I did finally get it to lay flat enough. Also they could have warned me about the Pineapple and Clam Shell...THEN there was a Storm at sea border!!!

I enjoy all types of sewing and quilting. I have done Art Quilts and Wearable Art. Wedding gowns and truck seat covers. I do a lot of repairs and sewing of badges for my neighbors. (WHY is there no sewing badge for Boy Scouts not even at the Eagle Scout level??)

Between my husband & I we’ve had 5 adult children, but sadly we’ve both lost our youngest. We have a total of 6 grandchildren.

Sewing and quilting are my passions. My only other real hobby is Mosaic I have done several pieces for out-doors. Currently I’d like to get back to work on my life size statue of Mother Nature. But Mother Nature is not cooperating. It went from too hot to work outside to pouring rain.”





Lucky winners!
Carolyn won the beautiful
Seasonal Opportunity quilt

Alice won the BOM's



Lots of sharing of UFO Challenge Projects and other completed fabulous projects.





Tanya Althof shared her first adventure into landscape art quilts.



Julie Dale is consistently productive.



Leslie Holben shared her table topper



Sandi Delman shared her cute winter wool wall hanging.





That's Sandi Delman behind this red beauty!

Carol Santos showing off her wool work.



Jean Zuniga's UFO



Christy Sprecco



Lorna Bisson shows off her giant blue beauty





Sunshine Quilters of San Diego meets the second Tuesday of each month (Sept-June) at Renette Park at 935 South Emerald Ave., El Cajon
New members are always encouraged, dues are \$50 per year, which includes \$20 worth of Opportunity Quilt tickets. Guests are welcome at \$5 a visit.
Doors open at 6:30 pm, meetings begin at 7:00 pm.

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