



## Needle & Thimble News



### President's Message

Well, here we are again, and for how much longer, I don't know. I've finished all my challenge UFO's, a queen sized red daisy quilt that I purchased fabric for in 2006, have watched several old movies, tried new recipes and gained 10 lbs. Good grief.

I do hope your families are all safe and healthy. Mine are so far so good.

Currently the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is still on, but it's iffy, so watch your e-mail and June newsletter for updates. Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds (SCCQG) has cancelled their September "Meet the Teacher" event, so if that's any indication, we're in this for the long run!

Tanya will probably mention this also, but the cuddle quilt collection will be delayed until the June meeting. If the meeting is cancelled we'll include an alternative plan in the communication. Becky's House requested facemasks and several of you donated to that project. That was a terrific endeavor and I thank all of you that contributed. Christy Sprecco has a great story to share about her company's reaction when they heard she was helping a charity. Please let us know if you have an encouraging story too, it all helps to keep us going.

Do you ever wonder what people that don't quilt are doing with all this extra time? Keep safe and make good use of your days. After all, as the saying goes ladies, this is what we've been practicing for.

- Kathy Barnes

An update on generous donations. Along with some other wonderful giving hearts, we donated 220 masks to Becky's House. Thank you for helping me help others.

About the cuddle quilts. After speaking with Darlene she suggested hanging on to them till June. This is another wait and see situation, along with many others. If you would like a kit, batting, backing, etc. Please let me know. Give me a call and I can do a drop delivery, or you can come pick up supplies.

Stay safe, stay sane, and keep busy. Time will pass and we shall see each other soon, hopefully.

- Tanya Althof

Check out our fabulous library by accessing online <https://sunshinequilter.libib.com>



### Charitable Donation

I work for MassMutual Life Insurance Company in Springfield MA. We have a program called “MMImpact” where they make contributions to charitable organizations based on volunteer work done (and tracked) by employees. The organization has to be a recognized charity of certain parameters. After doing the masks for Becky’s House, I received a letter from the YWCA thanking me for the masks. Using that letter, I submitted a request to MMImpact for consideration. It was approved today and so what MassMutual does is pays the charity \$25 for each hour I spent volunteering. I figured I spent 9 hours to do the masks between the 2 collections we had, so they will receive \$225 from my company. I’m so excited and I emailed Darlene at the YWCA and she was so excited, she called me to find out more about why my company was doing this. Just wanted to share, I think I work for a great company, and in times like this, I KNOW I do! Note: I plan to submit another request next time we have a cuddle quilt delivery, I just have to figure out how much time I spend doing one.

- Christy Sprecco



### 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



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<i>Monthly Block Assignments:</i>	////////////////////////////////////
<b>September</b>	Anita Erskine
<b>October</b>	Jean Zuniga
<b>November</b>	Peggy Jencks
<b>December</b>	Susan Cox
<b>January</b>	Donna Fowler
<b>February</b>	Teresa Keane
<b>March</b>	Tamara Schneidmiller
<b>April</b>	Karen Collin
<b>May</b>	Sherri Necochea
<b>Seasonal Opportunity Quilt Coordinator</b>	Teresa Keane
<i>Seasonal Quilt Donor:</i>	////////////////////////////////////
<b>September / October Quilt</b>	Tanya Althof
<b>November / December Quilt</b>	Cecelia Midgette
<b>January / February Quilt</b>	Jo Miller
<b>March / April Quilt</b>	Barbara Fletcher
<b>May / June Quilt</b>	Christy Sprecco / Jean Zuniga
<b>Special Block of the Month Coordinator</b>	
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March BOM Assignment	
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Seasonal Opportunity Quilt <b>Coordinator</b>	
September/October Quilt Donor	
November/December Quilt Donor	
January/February Quilt Donor	
March/April Quilt Donor	
May/June Quilt Donor	
Fund Raising Committee Lead	
Fund Raising Committee Assistant	
Fund Raising Committee Assistant	
Guardian of Opportunity Quilt/Tickets	
2021/2022 Opportunity Quilt Planning Coordi-	
2021/2022 Opportunity Quilt Planning Assis-	
Mailbox Info table	

## Face Mask Information (in case you are still interested)

The guild has received an appeal from a woman in Ramona who is gathering info on groups looking for home made masks. From what I've read, and the patterns I've used, the preference is for masks that tie (vs. elastic) so that they can be adjusted to the person and they frankly hold up better with frequent washing. The best pattern I've seen so far is Jenny Doan's, if you search you tube for Jenny Doan Mask, she has 2, one with ties and one with elastic. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X\\_-R8Ox3Spw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_-R8Ox3Spw)

Other recommendations I've seen through all this are:

- Make them for your family members venturing out to work or to shop
- Wash after each use
- Always wear in the same direction (meaning 2 fabrics, and inside and out, and put the same side against your face each time)
- Make them for businesses you support – your take-out place, your grocery store, your vet, etc. They will love you for this.
- Make them for your friends that have to venture out, especially any who are living with someone particularly vulnerable.

If you have the drive to make more, there are organizations currently accepting:

Palomar Hospital: here is the link to Palomar's website on their mask acceptance program:

<https://www.palomarhealthfoundation.org/palomar-health-foundation/how-you-can-make-a-difference/donate-a-mask>

Kaiser's info: <https://about.kaiserpermanente.org/our-story/news/our-perspective/making-masks-to-support-our-nonclinical-personnel-and-guests?fbclid=IwAR06wc6L8Ydn9uOLYlonHOZaMwfS0MuuZqwsAON50Ik8UqvQN0yxqIOirCA>

- The county of San Diego is asking us to start making masks to be distributed through homeless shelters. They have not worked out their intake process yet but will get that published shortly and then I will post it to our Facebook page.

This was on KUSI site today: I also saw this on KUSI news today. [https://www.kusi.com/sew-inspired-urges-local-seamstresses-to-sew-50000-masks-to-help-stop-the-spread-of-covid-19-in-san-diego/?fbclid=IwAR31NvvcaW\\_K6eMjgZdAKUSwsSoCLODF-UFbB5HFMrZItOMaN6GE4GIKNng](https://www.kusi.com/sew-inspired-urges-local-seamstresses-to-sew-50000-masks-to-help-stop-the-spread-of-covid-19-in-san-diego/?fbclid=IwAR31NvvcaW_K6eMjgZdAKUSwsSoCLODF-UFbB5HFMrZItOMaN6GE4GIKNng)

- Rosie's, Paradise Sewing and Joann's are all accepting masks as well to be distributed to medical groups. I believe some or all of them are even providing some kits. (not that we don't have plenty of stash!)
- Grossmont hospital is accepting actual PPE masks but not hand sewn masks at this time. That being said, if you have friends, family etc. that are nurses or staff at these facilities, they may be very grateful to receive for their own protection.

Christy Sprecco



## Retreat Update

The retreat has officially been rescheduled to May 13-16, 2021 at Vina de Lestonnac and our deposit has been applied. I hope that all who signed up this year will be able to attend next year and maybe some new ones.

We will continue to keep you posted. Stay safe and healthy!

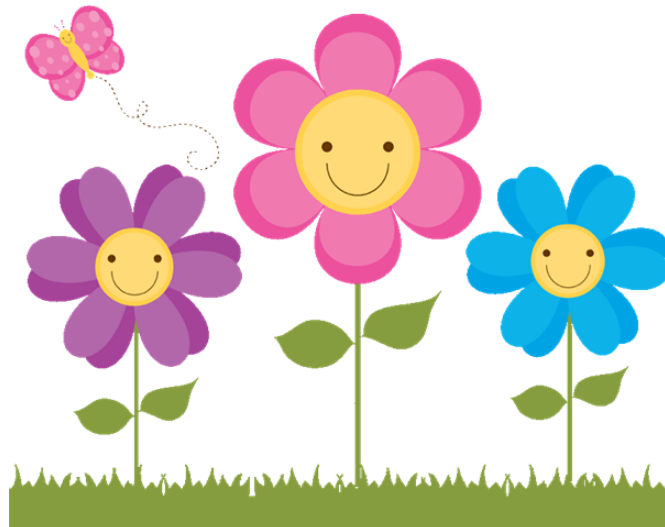
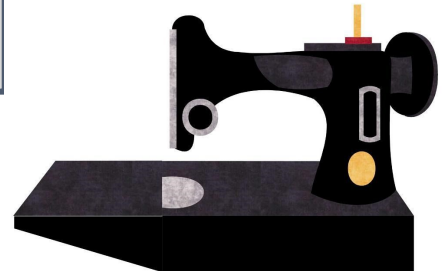
- Candi Ravenscraft



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