



Needle & Thimble News



President's Message

Happy New Year!

Looking back at 2020 we see many challenges, but I hope you can also remember the good things. I'm especially thankful for **Christy Sprecco** sharing her time and talents organizing our Zoom meetings. She has enabled us to continue hearing speakers, share our work and stay connected. Because of her, Sunshine Quilters were able to be inspired, be creative & continue giving. Thank you, Christy!

I'm also thankful for our VP, **Kathy Manuel**. This year she planned our speakers, was my right-hand, my soundboard and took over meetings when my computer was less than cooperative. Thank you, Kathy I've appreciated all volunteers working through this unique year being creative, persistent and giving their time:

- Sandi Delman** for taking the lead on our challenge
- Candi Ravenscraft** for providing us with monthly newsletters and maintaining retreat contact
- Tanya Althof** for heading up our benevolent program
- Connie Smith**, our faithful treasurer, who also provides door prizes
- Sue Cox**, organizing Secret Pals & being the 20/21 Opportunity Quilt "mother."
- Pam Davis** and **Jean Zuinga** for coordinating the 21/22 Opportunity Quilt
- Lorna Bisson**, our secretary and BOM organizer
- Sheri Necochea**, for keeping tabs on our membership
- Christy Sprecco**, also for updating the website & work on getting advertisers
- Jennifer Phillips**, fund raising (hang in there!)
- Beth VanGelder** for organizing speakers for 21/22

Many of you work behind the scenes, and I hope I didn't leave anyone out, but know you have all been sin-
cerely appreciated this year!

Was it especially hard to finish your Challenge project this month? It was for me, but yes, I did get it completed and a picture sent to Sandi. I hope you did (or will) also. Through this challenge I'm learning the benefits of perseverance!

I missed seeing all of you at the informal meeting at the park last Tuesday, which sadly had to be cancelled, but now we have our Jan 12th 7:00 pm Zoom meeting with Julia Fiske to look forward to. Julia will discuss fabric dating, repair of and caring for our quilts. I have a few old quilts that have no label and I plan to take lots of notes!

Getting antsy for Tuesday night,
See you then, Kathy Barnes

Tuesday night meeting highlight:

Julia Fiske will be speaking about Quilt Appraisal, Care and Repair.

In this Zoom meeting, Julia will share information about how to care for the repair of quilts, fabric dating, condition and caring for your quilt honoring the significance of quilting past and present. She will also discuss the value of appraisals and having a quilt appraised.

Hi Quilt Enthusiasts

Due to COVID 19 the March Quilt Show, that we all look forward to, presented by The Woman's Club of Lakeside will not be taking place.

We are looking forward to May 7 & 8, 2021 as a possibility.

I know all of us have been hard at work creating some beautiful pieces and we would love to show them. I will keep you posted as to the possibility of a May 2021 Quilt Show.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy 2021.
The Woman's Club of Lakeside

Opportunity Quilt Tickets

Contact Susan Cox about the raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt. She can send or deliver or mail tickets to anyone who has not yet received theirs or who want additional ones. It's a beautiful quilt. Call or text at 6199855394. Thanks so much.



Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2020/2021 Positions

President	Kathy Barnes
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Retreat Coordinator	Candi Ravenscraft
Secret Pal Coordinator	Susan Cox
Guardian of 20/21 Opportunity Quilt & Tickets	Susan Cox
20/21 Opportunity Quilter	Karen Collin
Fund Raising (Ways & Means) Committee Lead	Jennifer Phillips
Fund Raising Committee Assistant (1)	Lorna Bisson
Fund Raising Committee Assistant (2)	Candi Ravenscraft
Fund Raising Committee Assistant (3)	Carol Santos
21/22 Opportunity Quilt Planning Coordinator	Pam Davis
21/22 Opportunity Quilt Planning Assistant	Jean Zuniga
Challenge Coordinator	Sandi Delman
Historian/Meeting Photographer	(Still Needed)
SCCQG Representative	(Still Needed)
Monthly Block of the Month Coordinator	Lorna Bisson
September BOM Assignment	Lorna Bisson
October BOM Assignment	Sherri Necochea
November BOM Assignment	Sandi Delman
December BOM Assignment	Susan Cox
January BOM Assignment	Carolyn Matthias
February BOM Assignment	Hallie McCoy
March BOM Assignment	Marilyn Sidler
April BOM Assignment	Karen Collin
May BOM Assignment	Cecelia Midgette
Seasonal Opportunity Quilt Coordinator	N/A
September/October Quilt Donor	Jean Zuniga & Christy Sprecco
November/December Quilt Donor	TBD
January/February Quilt Donor	TBD
March/April Quilt Donor	TBD
May/June Quilt Donor	TBD



2020 – 2021 Opportunity Quilt “Down the Rabbit Hole”

92” X 92”

Design by Sarah Fielke ~ Custom Quilted by Robin Ruiz



1 Opportunity Ticket ~ \$1.

6 Opportunity Tickets ~ \$5.

Proceeds support Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Quilt Guild

Drawing June 8, 2021 ~ Thank you for your Support

Favorite Quilty Websites, YouTube channels and Blogs

- ◆ Alex Anderson - thequiltshow.com / AlexAnderson Live on YouTube Not made any of her projects/quilts but I have learned so much, and she is such a delight.
- ◆ Becky Thompson - Power Tools with Thread Facebook and YouTube. This lady has cost me a lot of money. Have learned a lot of new techniques and equipment. Her main emphasis is machine embroidery
- ◆ Deb Canham - Facebook live. Great techniques and projects for serging.
- ◆ Just Get it Done - YouTube quilter from Canada. Good organizational ideas, especially good for small space ideas.
- ◆ Pat Sloan has YouTube and Facebook sites.
- ◆ Quilting Arts on KPBS
- ◆ Quilting on Wisconsin Public Television
- ◆ Quilting is My Therapy, Free Motion Quilting Challenge and her new Midnight Quilter - I've learned so much from Angela Walters and she is a hoot!
- ◆ Bonnie Hunter
- ◆ Gudrun Erla - on Facebook, Gudrun's Quilt Crew

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.

For more information please visit our website at:
www.Sunshinequilters.com





ZOOMing

By Christy Sprecco

Here is the Zoom meeting information. I will send a reminder out that day too.

Christy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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I want to thank my Secret Sister for the beautiful necklace. What a nice little quilt block tile. I just love it.

Pam Davis



For sale: 221 Featherweight with case, \$400. Restored to like new condition. Call Janet Harris at 619-390-5224

Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2020 – 2021 Guest Lectures

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Kellie Willey – Little Quilts, No Big Deal Lecture

In this Zoom meeting, Kellie will share with us her passion for making miniature and small-scale quilts. She has won many awards for her little quilts, and you will hear tips and techniques that will take the fear out of miniature quilting.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Alicia Campbell – The Batty Lady

In this Zoom meeting, Alicia will share with us the various types of batting available to meet our quilting needs.

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Nanette Zeller – Virtual Lecture of Naturescapes

In this Zoom meeting, Nanette will share how her art is greatly inspired by nature. She frequently refers to this artistic style as naturescapes. With nature-inspired textile art, the challenge is that there is never just one way to create a tree or leaf or animal. She will share the diverse possibilities for creating nature-themed artwork and introduce you to a variety of techniques to help you produce representational renditions of your own favorite naturescape.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Becky McDaniel – My Applique Journey Lecture

Hoping that for this meeting, we will finally be back at Renette Center, but if not, we will have a Zoom meeting again. Becky will share with us a trunk show of her applique quilts.



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January Block of the Month

Scrappy Heart (9" finished)

You need:

26 assorted red squares, cut 2" (1 1/2" fin.)

4 red/background half sq triangles cut 2"

1 - 6" background square, cut once diagonally

Stitch squares together, following diagram:

Lastly, stitch the large background triangles to the bottom corners.

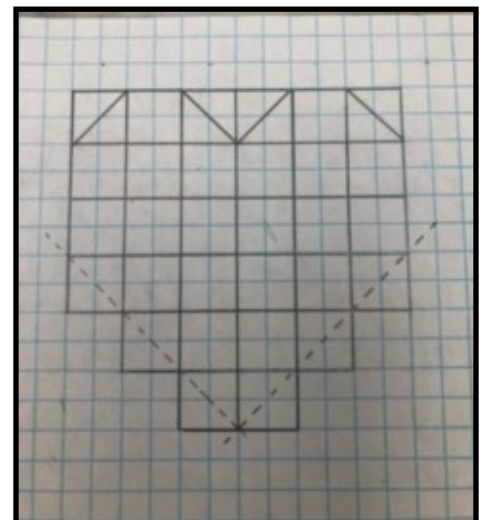
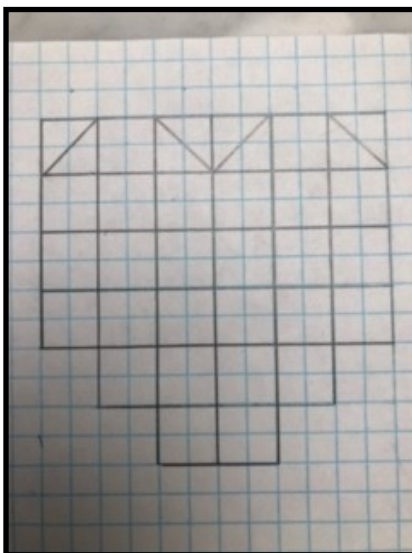
I drew a sewing line on the back across the corners of each square.

(Or, you could line up your ruler, leaving 1/4" seam allowance beyond sewing line. Trim. Line up cut edge with triangle and sew.)

Press and trim to 9 1/2" square.

Carolyn

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Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Meeting Minutes December 9, 2020

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements:

- Informal get-together to distribute 20-21 opportunity quilt tickets, collect BOM blocks, and exchange secret pal gifts, will be held at Renette Park in the grassy area near the parking lot, in January (date to be announced) from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Send pictures (jpeg files) of the quilts/projects you would like to share at the Zoom meeting to Christy Sprecco and she will compile a slide show for the meeting. The slide show will be shared on our Facebook page, Sunshine Quilters of San Diego, after the meeting. The newsletter is available on our website, sunshinequilters.com
- There will be a board meeting in January. Date TBD
- For mid-year membership the dues would be half price at \$15 plus \$20 for the Opportunity Quilt tickets.

Reports:

UFO Challenge: 13 participants. This month's challenge was #4. 1 person had not completed. Beth Van Gelder won the \$10 drawing. Project #7 due in January. Send a picture of the completed quilt and the label to Sandi Delman by Monday, January 11. Those who complete each month's challenge will be in a drawing for \$10. Connie will mail a check to the winner. Those who do not complete that month's project will owe \$1. Sandi will keep track of these until the end of the year.

Cuddle Quilts: Tanya has kits, labels, and supplies available.

Programs: January's speaker will be Julia Fiske and she will talk about quilt appraisals, care, and repair.

Monthly Block: Karen Collin won November "Emery's Stars" blocks. Sue Cox's December block, "Patriotic Pinwheel," is in the newsletter. You may mail your block(s) and a \$1 to Lorna Bisson or bring them to January's meet-up. Contact Lorna if you would like to make other arrangements to drop off your block. Carolyn Matthias will be doing January's block.

21-22 Opportunity Quilt: Completed blocks should have been turned in by end of December.

20-21 Opportunity Quilt: "Down the Rabbit Hole" tickets are available. Let Susan Cox know if you need more to sell.

Retreat: Tentatively planned for May 13-16, 2021 at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center. ~\$400

Fund Raising: We are hoping Summers Past Farms will have a spring craft fair in April. Start making items to sell. Feel free to sell what you made for the December fair and donate the proceeds to Sunshine Quilters.

Many (~61!) beautiful Christmas quilts and other projects were shared by members and the file can be viewed on our Facebook page. Thank you, ladies, for the Christmas cheer!

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Bisson



Member Highlight of the Month—Karen Collin

Don't laugh too hard. When I was asked to share a little bit about me, I googled biography ideas and all kinds of links to dating websites popped up. Yeah, no!

So, I'll start at the beginning. Like many of you I suspect, I learned to sew as a child, taught by my mother, making simple clothes for me and my dolls. Through junior high and high school I made most of my clothes because I was given a clothing allowance and it would go so much further than ready made.

During my third year of college, one of my roommates made a quilt, so I gave it a try too. The year was 1977 and our template was an index card, we cut the fabrics out with scissors and the layout looked like staggered bricks. Oh yeah, and the fabrics were browns, rusts and orange "calico" florals. The back was a sheet, batting a polyester high loft and I tied it, not nearly close enough. After one washing, it ended up pretty lumpy in places. I guess it's kind of amazing I made another quilt.

When I married my husband, I was reintroduced to quilting through my mother-in-law, Margaret Collin. Margaret was a long time member of Sunshine so I started tagging along to meetings as a guest. And the rest is history.

Over time, my quilting interests have evolved, from the matchy-matchy, very few fabric quilts to the scrappier the better, and now to controlled scrappy. Discovering Bonnie Hunter and her scrap-saver system was a game changer. And so was her Leader and Enders... I have made so many extra quilts with that simple idea.

I love taking quilting classes because I always, always learn something even if the technique is not one I will continue with. One of my current passions is hand piecing, which finally "clicked" when I watched a video from Mickey DePre and additional tips from a class taught by Jen Kingwell.

In addition to quilting, I love to collect and putz with old sewing machines. I got my first one, a 1940 Singer Featherweight from Patti Williams. Such a sweet machine. And that lead to many, many more. My current everyday piecer is a Singer 301. The Italian Necchi machines are amazing and a couple years ago I picked up an early 60's Pfaff model 139. That was the machine I learned to sew on, all those many years ago and when I sat in front of it, it was like seeing an old friend. Last but not least is Wanda, my Gammill Optimum. She's turning 18 this year. I love the days I get to "dance" with her but I think the decision I made not to make long arming a full time business was a good one. The balance of time between my own and customer projects has helped keep the passion alive for me.

I consider myself an introvert, but I have to say, I've missed the meetings, retreats, shows, classes, the connection to other fiber artists that inspire me so. Thank goodness for social media and apps like Zoom that help keep us connected, if even just a little.

I'll end with a photo of a quilt that is my heart quilt for 2020. It has oodles of recycled men's shirts and some lovely African fabrics I've been collecting for a while. No pattern, just an adaptation of a quilt I saw online. I'm calling it Positively Better Together.



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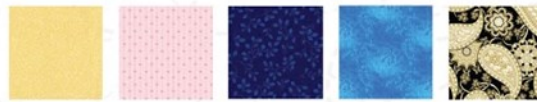
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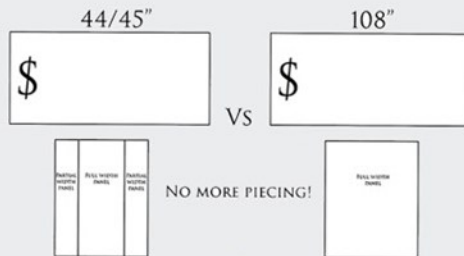
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