



## Needle & Thimble News



### President's Message

Ahhh, November! It was **so** enjoyable to gather out in the cool, fresh air at Renette Park on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. About 15 of us were there visiting and sharing projects. Connie Smith surprised us by providing "door" prizes and water & lots of candy was also available. We brought BOM's, finished 2021/22 Opportunity Quilt blocks, signed up to help at the craft fair and opened a few Secret Pal gifts. Jennifer encouraged us to help at the craft fair and make something fun to sell. We tentatively plan to meet Dec 1 at 4:00, depending on the weather. Watch for an email notice.



I truly enjoyed Becky McDaniel, our speaker last month. She did a wonderful job keeping our attention by sharing unique and personal ways to label our quilts. She was quite an inspiration. I'm looking forward to the next lecture "Colourwerx" via Zoom on November 10. We'll learn about color dynamics from Linda & Carl Sullivan and be encouraged in a new way.

Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your pumpkin pie!

Kathy Barnes

## Summers Past Farm

On Saturday, December 5, 2020 we will have a booth at Summers Past Farm. This year the event will have only 30 vendors – so it will be smaller than in the past. Hopefully you are all making some items to sell. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We will be successful if everyone participates.

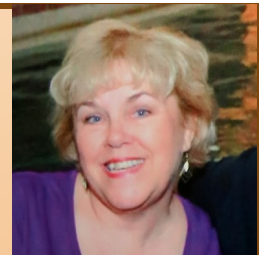


At the November meeting we will have a sign-up sheet available. Please consider working at the fair, or lending items that we need. We will need items like: tables, tablecloths, display racks.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Phillips. Items made for the fair may be dropped off at Jennifer's house from December 1 through December 4.

## Member of the Month Highlight—Candi Ravenscraft

I was born and raised in San Diego and grew up in Clairemont. In the late 70's (and previous life) I moved to the Puget Sound area of Washington State for about four years. I loved it there but missed my family so I came home. In 1981, I started working at Sharp Memorial Hospital as a PBX operator, which opened the doors for many opportunities. Ultimately, I worked as the Administrative Secretary for the Trauma Service for 14 years. I retired 5 years ago, having worked for Sharp Healthcare for 34 1/2 years. I'm pretty proud of that.



My quilting experience began around 2004. My niece shared her passion with me and said, "you are either going to love me or hate me" because I totally got the bug. I was always a crafty type person, Before quilting, I was a scrapbooker. That kind of died for me when cameras went digital and photos were on someone's phone.

So anyway, I was looking for some type of quilting class to learn basics and mentioned this to Karen Austin, whom I have known since Junior High. She told me about an Adult Ed class that she was considering. We joined the class and really loved it. I told Karen that we should look into joining a guild to become more emersed in the "lingo" and learn from others as well. We visited a couple guilds, however when we visited Sunshine (at Wells Park at that time), we felt so welcome and knew this was the place for us.

I am not as prolific a quilter as I would like to be, but when I get settled in my sewing room, it is truly my happy place. I've entered a couple quilts in the San Diego Quilt Show and when I look at them, sometimes I think "I can't believe I made that." I also discovered that I pretty much just like the piecing part of quilting and use my checkbook to get them quilted. Otherwise nothing would be finished.

Being a member Sunshine has allowed me to make some really wonderful, treasured friends and I can't imagine my life without them now. I enjoy my role of Newsletter Editor, which helps keep my computer skills intact and as being the Retreat Coordinator.



## Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2020/2021 Positions

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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 <b>Coordinator</b>	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 <b>Coordinator</b>	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.**

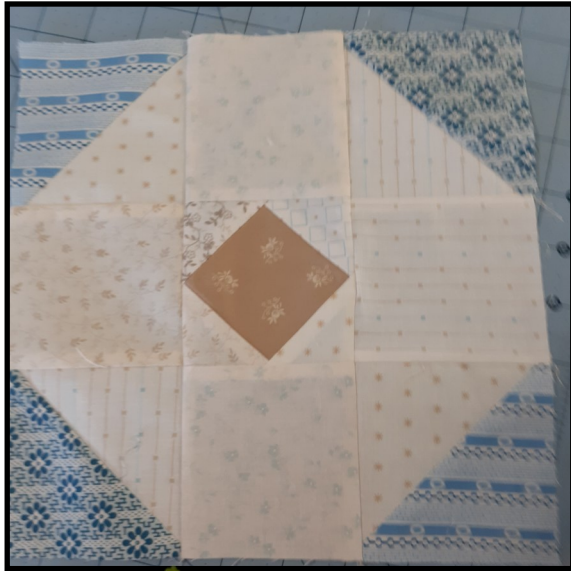
Proceeds support Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Quilt Guild

**Drawing June 8, 2021 ~ Thank you for your Support**

## 2021-2022 Opportunity Quilt

These are the blocks for the 2021-2022 opportunity quilt. The kits are ready, and we will have ideas of how to get them to you by meeting time.

Thanks,  
Pam Davis and Jean Zuniga



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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# ZOOMing

By Christy Sprecco

I thought our October meeting worked out pretty well with the speaker and all over Zoom. Hopefully everyone is getting the hang of it. A few housekeeping things: When you join – look to see what your display name is, you can edit it so we know who you are! If you are joining by phone and computer, be sure to mute one of them so we are not picking up feedback. We should all mute during speakers presentation, consciously unmuting to ask a question. - Christy

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**Website:** Not sure if any of you have taken a look at the website lately, [www.sunshinequilters.com](http://www.sunshinequilters.com). I've updated the opportunity quilts, meeting schedule and such. Always open to suggestions. Also, since we do upload the newsletters, you may want to word your articles in such a way that instead of putting in your direct contact info, list your name and say your contact info is in the directory. (Reduces spam).

**Newsletter advertising:** You may notice in our newsletter we are very light on advertisers this year. I know the quilt shops are probably struggling to survive like most small businesses in the pandemic. Special thanks to Karen Collins for your loyalty in advertising. And also Carrie Matheny has wonderful backings for sale. I bought one recently for 2 quilts and the fabric was great, the delivery fast! (comes from Warner Springs). If you're in on the of the shops that used to advertise with us, be sure to let them know we're still meeting and we miss seeing them in our newsletters. I've reached out to them all 3-4 times. Am really hoping we can keep supporting them so they'll be here for us for years to come.

## Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2020 – 2021 Guest Lectures

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

### **Linda & Carl Sullivan – Colourwerx – Got Colour Lecture**

In this Zoom meeting, Linda and Carl will discuss how to boost your colour confidence and learn to use every colour of the rainbow in your quilts. This lecture includes the basics of colour theory, demonstrate colour concepts and how to create and combine dynamic colour pal-ettes, as well as share their tips and tricks on how to find colour inspiration in everyday objects to inspire, infuse and ignite the colour in your next quilting project.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

To be determined ...

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.

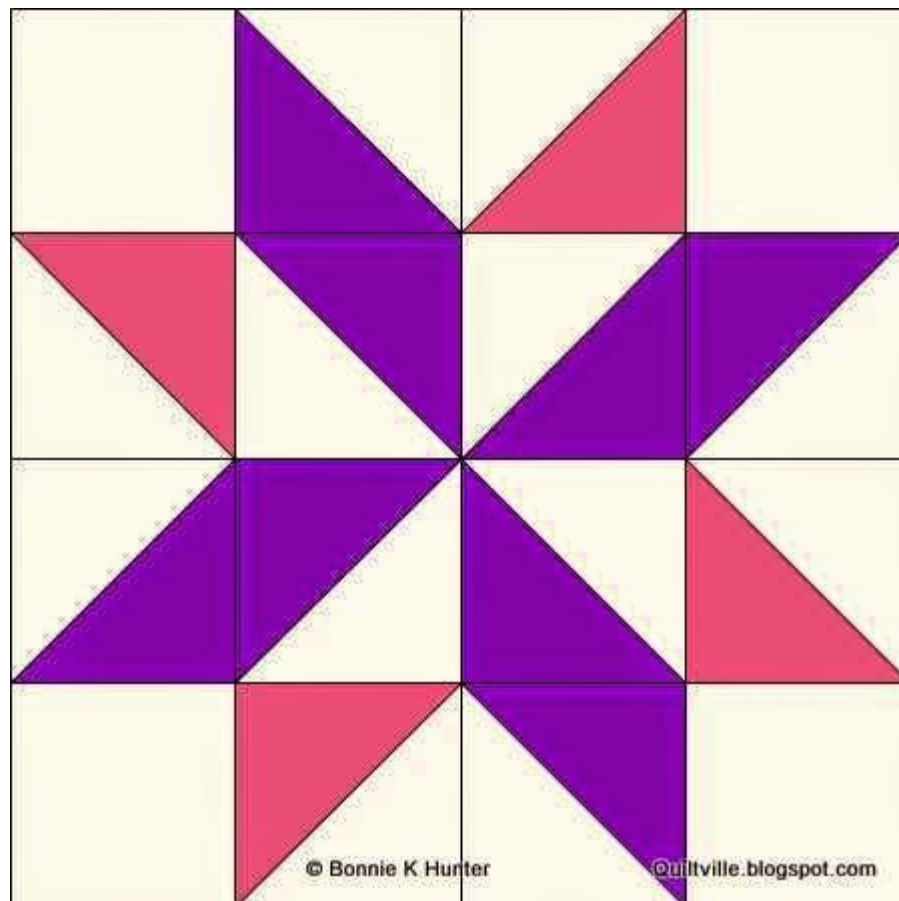


## Block of the Month

November BOM coordinated by Sand Delman (contact information in the directory - with an email change - [kwiltnkats@ymail.com](mailto:kwiltnkats@ymail.com))

If you participate in the BOM you might just be the winner of the beginnings of a project designed by Bonnie Hunter called Emery's Stars. The block you will be making is shown below.

The instructions can be found at Quiltville Blog in the Free Patterns tab or through this link <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/2014/06/emerys-stars-free-pattern.html>. Everyone should use the colors as in the instructions. Each participant should make one block and provide four neutral 2" squares. Send your finished BOM to Lorna Bison before the December meeting! Have fun =^.^=





**Sunshine Quilters of San Diego**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13 2020**

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

**Announcements:**

- Informal get-together to distribute 20-21 opportunity quilt tickets, pick up 21-22 opportunity quilt blocks, collect BOM blocks, and exchange secret pal gifts, will be held again at Renette Park on 2 Nov from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the grassy area near the parking lot.
- The guild directory will not be published this year. It will be emailed to all members. Please complete your registration so your name is on the list.
- Attendance will be kept by the Zoom attendance list.
- 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 the web site after meeting.

**Reports:**

- UFO Challenge: 13 participants. October's challenge is #3. A picture of the completed quilt with binding and a picture of the label are due to Sandi Delman by Monday, November 9. Each month those who completed that 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: Can be bagged and dropped off at Tanya Althoff's house by 23 October. The next collection will be next year. Kits and supplies are available by contacting Tanya.
- Programs: Becky McDaniel's Crazy Cushion workshop has been changed to May.
- Monthly Block: September's block – "Basket Weave" was won by Bonnie Sue Patterson. April's block – "Tamara's BOM" was won by Julie Dale. Sherri Necochea discussed the October BOM. Directions are available in the Newsletter. You may mail the 10.5" and 2 -5.5" blocks to Lorna Bisson with your \$1 or bring them to the drop off on 2 November between 4 and 5 pm.
- 21-22 Opportunity Quilt block kits can be picked up on 2 November at Renette Park or contact Jean Zuniga to get your kit. The blocks will need to be returned by January.
- Secret Pal: Susan Cox is still taking sign-ups for Secret Pal.
- Treasurer's Report: Connie reviewed the budget with members
- Fund Raising: Jennifer Phillips announced that we have a booth for Summers Past Farm on 5 December. Members need to start making items. Less expensive items (<\$15-20) sold better. If you can help, please email Jennifer. A pop-up tent and 3 tables are needed also shelving/racks or other items to display products will be helpful.

**Program:** Becky McDaniel, Quilt Lecturer and Instructor, presented on The Triple D's of Quilting – Details, Design, Documentation (labels, quilt album, notebook).

Web: <http://www.beckymcdaniel.com/>

Meeting was adjourned by 8:28 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Lorna Bisson



**Sunshine Quilt Guild**  
**2020-2021 Challenge: UFO (Unfinished Fabric Object) Incentive**

2020-2021 Sunshine Challenge - UFO Incentive coordinated by Sandi Delman (contact information in the directory - with an email change - [kwiltnkats@gmail.com](mailto:kwiltnkats@gmail.com)) #3 was chosen in October to finish! There will be a slide show on our ZOOM meeting to reveal who was able to complete their project during the month. And if that isn't enough excitement I will be drawing what project comes next to be worked! I wonder who will win the \$10 and who will need to pay the piper...



*A hearty thank you to my talented Secret Pal. Both the little bag and scissor holder are beautifully made. I'll get much use out of all the wonderful surprises you included. You're the best!*  
*Sincerely, Kathy Barnes*



Thank you to Connie Smith for generously providing "door" prizes Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the park. You added extra fun to our gathering.

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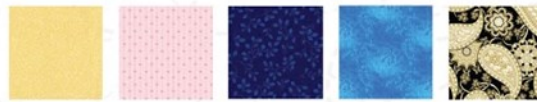
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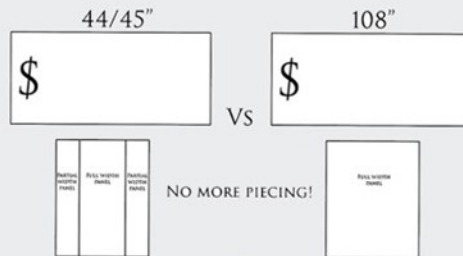
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