



Needle & Thimble News



President's Message

Time marches on and here we are in February 2021! Unbelievable! We cancelled February 2nd's casual meeting in the park because it was supposed to rain. Later they moved the storm to Wednesday, but it would've been too cold anyway. We've decided to wait for March and see what that month brings. If we do meet we all agreed to continue wearing masks and maintain a realistic 6' distance apart.

Tuesday, Jan 26, we held a board meeting via Zoom. Discussion included:

Current Meeting Structure

I was encouraged to contact other guild president's and see how/what they're doing. I agreed (and should have thought of it first!) So I'll be making some calls this week.

Everyone agreed that Zoom was working pretty well.

Speakers

Scheduling speakers for 2021-2022 is quite a challenge for 2nd VP, Beth VanGelder, because we don't know when we'll be meeting in a room again. Contracting for a Zoom meeting or speaking in person is in question. A few options were discussed.

The possibility of moving May's speaker, Becky McDaniel in exchange for contracting with a speaker from Australia was discussed. Kathy Manuel and Beth VanGelder are working together on that and you'll hear the outcome soon.

Budget

We're actually \$1,000 ahead because of not covering workshop shortages.

2020-2021 (Current year) Opportunity Quilt ticket sales

We're encouraged to add a photo of this year's opportunity quilt on our social media (Facebook types) and say something like "Look at the beautiful quilt our guild is raffling off this year. Please contact me if you'd like a chance to win this quilt for yourself."

If you contact Sue Cox she'll deliver or mail additional tickets for you to sell.

Mail money to Connie Smith and stubs to Sue Cox

Fundraising (Ways & Means)

Jennifer will keep in contact with Summer's Past.

Newsletter/Retreat

Nothing newsletter related, but retreat news has been sent to those who normally attend retreats. If you weren't included and are interested in attending the next retreat (date unknown,) please contact Candi Ravenscraft.

2021-2022 (Next year's) Opportunity Quilt

A call for unfinished blocks will be in this newsletter, there are still a few missing. If you're having a problem, please contact Pam Davis or Jean Zunia.

Nominating Committee

Kathy Manuel, Sherri Necochea and Jennifer Phillips agreed to serve on this committee. Please contact one of them if you'd like to serve in one of our positions (listed in this newsletter with current volunteers.)

Open discussion

Block of the month could use more participants. There's still time to make February's red & white heart block and mail it to Lorna Bisson. Note, however that it takes two stamps via USPO. Or deliver in person – her house is just up from Summer's Past.

Secret Pals seems to be going quite well, but if you haven't heard from your SP yet, please contact Sue Cox.

Some suggestions for June program were discussed. We have a great idea that will be revealed soon. Watch for it in your newsletter.

After meetings return to normal (at the Renette Park meeting room in person) the idea of a "Bring your daughter or granddaughter night" was discussed with enthusiasm.

More detail may be included in Lorna's minutes, but I wanted to give you a brief overview of the meeting. Please contact me if you have any comments, questions or great ideas to share.

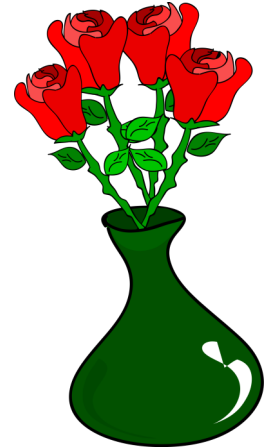
Someone once said "Even if you're on the right track you'll get run over if you just sit there." Just a thought shared to encourage you to participate where you're able. **You can help** keep our guild a gathering of inspiring, giving and creative members!

Thank you all!

Kathy Barnes

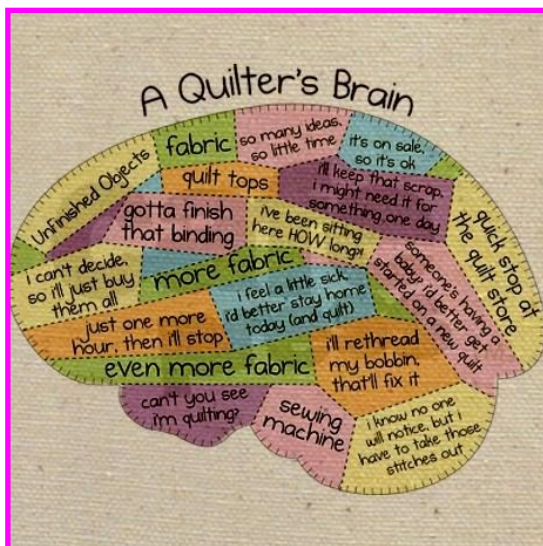
We have some very lovely quilts submitted so far for the February sharing show. Please email me your pictures to christyquilting@gmail.com so I can get them into the show. Not sure if you have seen, but I have also been posting the slide show for the sharing and the UFO challenge to our Facebook page too. (If you're not a member of the facebook group, send your request to Teresa W to join.

Christy Sprecco



2020-2021 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.



2021/2022 Opportunity Quilt

If you still have blocks for the quilt, please get them to me, Pam Davis or Jean Zuniga by February 15. If you don't feel like making the blocks or forgot you had some and don't want to make them, just get the kits back to us. We don't have too much extra fabric to remake the kits. If you want me to come and pick them up, please just give me a call and I will be happy to pick them up. Thanks to all of you that have made blocks. Pam Davis

A true friend is one who knows all about you - and likes you anyway!



Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2020/2021 Positions

President	Kathy Barnes
1st Vice President	Kathy Manuel
2nd Vice President	Beth Van Gelder
Secretary	Lorna Bisson
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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.

Here is the Zoom info for the Feb meeting:

February meeting zoom details:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://massmutual.zoom.us/j/96643684222?pwd=VklsVzB4M0xUU2U3bHowdytvTDNVQT09>

Meeting ID: 966 4368 4222

Passcode: Sunshine

One tap mobile

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Look forward to seeing everyone there! Don't forget to:

- Send Christy your sharing – email photo to me
- Send Sandi your UFO – email photo to her



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Candi Ravenscraft

Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2020 – 2021 Guest Lectures

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Tuesday night, February 9th's lecture "Little Quilts, No Big Deal" will be presented by Kellie Willey of Little Quilt Creations of Sacramento, CA. 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 tricks 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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Block of the Month—February



This is a Bonnie Hunter block called "Little Monkey" and directions can be found on her website. The block is a 5 1/2" unfinished for a scrap quilt using darks and lights. Please make 2 blocks.

Directions:

1. Make (4) 2 1/2" half triangle squares (unfinished size)
2. Cut 1 light 7" 1 1/2" strip and 1 dark 7" 1 1/2" strip. Seam these together, then subcut into (4) 1 1/2" pieces

Questions? Contact Hallie McCoy





Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Meeting Minutes January 12, 2021

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

The meeting was started off with a game of "Guess How Many Scraps are in the Jar."

Guest Speaker: Julia Fiske (www.quilt.ninja), AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser. She discussed appraisal types - sell, donation/division of property, insurance replacement value—and factors that influence a quilt's value. She also talked about repairing and caring for quilts.

Announcements:

- Budget: This was emailed out for review.
- 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

Reports:

Secret Pal: Send form in if you would like to participate.

UFO Challenge: 13 participants. This month's challenge was #7. All participants turned in a project. Christy Sprecco won the \$10 drawing. Project #2 is due in February. Send a picture of the completed quilt and the label to Sandi Delman by Monday, February 8. 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: Christy Sprecco won the December "Patriotic Pinwheel" blocks. Carolyn Matthias' February block, "Scrappy Heart," is in the newsletter. You may mail your block(s) and a \$1 to Lorna Bisson or bring them. Contact Lorna if you would like to make other arrangements to drop off your block. Hallie McCoy will be doing February's block.

21-22 Opportunity Quilt: If you have any blocks, finish them up or mail back kit so it can be complete. 5 start blocks are missing.

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

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.

Sharing: 26 lovely projects were shared by members. The presentation can be viewed on our Facebook page.

"Guess the Scraps in the Jar" winners were Jane for Jar #1 and Jennifer for Jar #2.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Bisson



Sunshine Quilters Board Meeting January 26, 2021

Attendance: Kathy Barnes, Kathy Manuel, Lorna Bisson, Connie Smith, Candi Ravenscraft, Christy Sprecco, Beth Van Gelder, Jean Zuniga, Sherri Necochea, Sandi Delman, Susan Cox, Jennifer Phillips

Message sent to Renette Park in regard to our room, re: refund or prorated costs for the room.

Ways to improve the Zoom meetings were discussed.

Projected 2020/2021 budget: The budget was presented by Connie Smith and discussed. Adjustments to the budget will need to be made due to low membership.

Membership: The suggestion was made to reach out to members that did not renew. Kathy will talk to other Guild Presidents to see how they are faring with membership. Next year consider having a bring your daughter/granddaughter/young lady to the meeting. One new/returning member.

Annual Opportunity Quilt: If more tickets are needed, mail a check to Connie if you would like to buy more tickets. Sue will then mail you more tickets. She will also be mailing tickets that have not been picked up. It was suggested to mail a photo of the quilt to other quilt guilds to encourage additional ticket sales. It was noted that the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds, www.sccqg.org, has a Gallery of Guild Opportunity Quilts. 4 other quilts are posted with info on how to buy tickets and when the drawing will be. We'll check to see if we can get our quilt posted on the site. You can also post a picture of the quilt on your social media page and let folks know tickets are available.

Fundraising: No update on an April craft fair at Summers Past.

Monthly informal Meet-up. Will be held on 2 February at 4pm. Wear a mask, social distancing.

Programs: Everyone commended the quality of speakers to date. Kathy and Beth have been contacting speakers for the remaining meetings this year and planning for next year. We need to assume that the meetings will remain virtual through the summer. Fortunately, we are saving money on travel fees for now. Recommended to look for speakers that can be flexible for in person vs online. Becky McDaniels will speak in May. Beth states virtual meetings allow exposure to a wider base of speakers and she is talking with speakers from the UK and Australia as potential speakers.

Alternative programs for non-speaker months (June and September) were discussed. More games were suggested along with other "member presentations by topic" like we did at Christmas. For example, "most meaningful/most proud of", "My Summer Vacation"

Discussed lessons learned for the game played. – need to work on timing so not tabulating winners during the speaker time.

Submitted by Lorna Bisson



CUDDLE QUILT UPDATE

Hello Everyone,

Through the end of our guild year, I think I would like to do something a bit different. Rather than make up a bunch of kits, I would like to do "kits on demand." What does that mean? Well, any of the kits/patterns I have previously done over the past couple of years, can be requested again in the number that you would like. Just give me a call. As always, we still have plenty of fabric so if you are looking for backing material for a cuddle quilt you have finished the top on, please, call and I can open up the bins for you to come and choose. Remember this is OUR fabric. And there is plenty to go around.

Happy Quilting My Friends,
Tanya Althof

In Honor of Presidents Day



DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

Both Presidents LINCOLN and KENNEDY were concerned with the issue of Civil Rights. LINCOLN was elected in 1860; KENNEDY in 1960. Both were slain on a Friday and in the presence of their wives. Both were shot from behind and in the head. Their successors, both named JOHNSON, were Southern Democrats, and both had been in the Senate. ANDREW JOHNSON was born in 1808 and LYNDON JOHNSON was born in 1908.

JOHN WILKES BOOTH was born in 1839; LEE HARVEY OSWALD was born in 1939. BOOTH and OSWALD were Southerners favoring unpopular ideas. BOOTH and OSWALD were assassinated before going to trial.

Both Presidents' wives lost children through death while in the White House. LINCOLN's secretary, KENNEDY by name advised him not to go to the theatre. KENNEDY's secretary, whose name was LINCOLN, advised him not to go to Dallas.

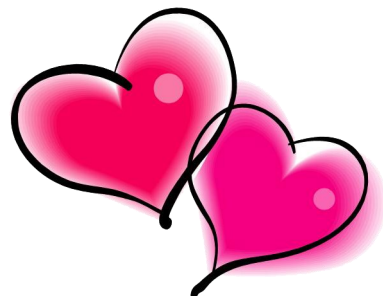
JOHN WILKES BOOTH shot LINCOLN in a theater and ran to a warehouse. OSWALD shot KENNEDY from a warehouse and ran to a theater. The names LINCOLN and KENNEDY each contain 7 letters. The names ANDREW JOHNSON and LYNDON JOHNSON each contain 13 letters. The names JOHN WILKES BOOTH and LEE HARVEY OSWALD each contain 15 letters.

Odd coincidences to say the least



A great big thank you to my Secret Pal! It was a joy to open my mailbox and find a birthday and New Year's gift inside. You made my day!

From, Kathy Barnes



Member Highlight of the Month—Susan (Sue) Cox

I was born the fourth of ten children to my parents, a hard-working nurse and general construction contractor in Minnesota. We were raised to be self-sufficient, so grew our own food in a large garden, had our own milk cows and beef/chickens and were encouraged to participate in all aspects of 4-H. Our Mom was a skilled tailor and seamstress but with a full-time nursing career and raising 10 kids, she had little time to teach us her skillset. Instead, I learned to sew in 4-H. I made all of my own clothes, which was a good thing, since I was very tall and didn't fit into "ready made" clothes very well even in the era of the mini skirts of the 60's.

After high school, I enlisted in the US Air Force. I worked in accounting and finance for my entire 4 years and my only station was in Biloxi, Ms. I met my husband, Rad, during my AF years and we were married in San Diego the year before my discharge from the AF. I made my wedding dress and the bridesmaid and maid of honor's dresses on my first sewing machine, a White. I was unable to find an RN program when I returned to San Diego, so enrolled in an LVN program for the year my new husband was assigned to SE Asia (during the Vietnam War). I worked in an Oral Surgery office as an LVN for the next 6 years when our 3 children were born. When our youngest was a newborn I was accepted into the San Diego State school of nursing so spent the next 4 years raising our kids and earning my BSN. At that point, I went to work at Rady Children's Hospital in the Pediatric ICU (1980). I remain a member of Rady's staff today and work part time as an interim adviser for the executive team. I also have been a longtime member of federal, state and local medical disaster teams. I responded to the Northridge earthquake, the Twin Tower 911 disaster and the Katrina Hurricane disaster on the federal team.

While I sewed a lot of kid clothes when my children were growing up, my love of quilting only started after our children left home and I had extra time for my interests. My Mother was a very enthusiastic and creative quilter and she had time to teach me specific techniques when we could get together. My first quilt was a quilt in a day (log cabin) for our firstborn. He still has it. My second quilt was a watercolor pieced quilt with appliqued birds which I made for my Mom as a gift. She was so happy with it she hung it on her living room wall. The picture below is the day I gave it to her. When Mom died in 2009 at the age of 94, all of my siblings were fighting over who would get that quilt. I made it easy for them and reclaimed it. I gave it to my daughter who treasures it. Our oldest son is very interested in learning quilting techniques since he designed a quilt (see below) I made for him several years ago. He has joined a quilt guild in Snohomish, WA, and is starting his first sampler quilt.

I make my quilts to give to others, so I don't have a collection of quilts like many of our members do. I let friends and family pick out a design and help them with colors so have done many different techniques and patterns. My favorites are paper piecing and star blocks. My other interests are volunteering (with a therapy dog; as a CASA, and in various capacities at Rady's), photography, traveling, reading and nature walking.

I really enjoy seeing what the Sunshine quilters create. This is an amazing group of artisans and I have learned a lot talking with members and listening to the wonderful speakers we have presenting to the club. Thanks everyone!!



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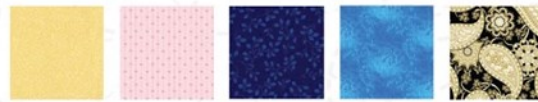
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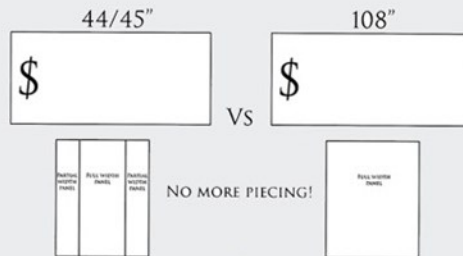
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