



Needle & Thimble News



President's Message

Do you remember May Day traditions of yore? Google says: "People would leave a paper basket or cone with spring flowers and sweets on each other's doorsteps, usually anonymously. This tradition was popular through the 19th and 20th centuries, especially with children or sweethearts. The custom was to knock on the door, yell "May basket!" and then run." Wasn't that a lovely thing to do? I did it once or twice in my youth and think I'll surprise my mom on Saturday. She'll remember what it's for – and just maybe for my Secret Pal too. Hum, will that give me away? Well, we reveal in June anyway, so watch your doorstep!

My anniversary party went well and I'm almost sorry it's over. I didn't know what to do with myself for the next whole week! Anyway, my house, yard, stash and projects are all organized – now to get busy – that is *after* I hem a 5 layer prom dress for my friend's sister's granddaughter (doesn't anyone know how to sew anymore??) But *after that* I'll be ready to start May's BOM.

Looking ahead:

May 4th pre-meeting in the park is on. It's supposed to be warm, sunny and sunset is at 7:32 so we plan to meet at 5:00pm instead of 4 (inching toward next month's 6pm meeting.)

May 11th Zoom meeting will feature Becky McDaniel's presentation of her applique journey and trunk show. We'll have a report on 2021/2022 board positions in preparation for June 8th's vote.

June 8th "End of Year Celebration" will be on our usual meeting day, second Tuesday, but with a few changes:

We will meet in person at the park (no Zoom meeting that night) in the grass adjacent to the northeast corner of the parking lot.

Meeting begins at 6:00 PM and should finish by 8:00 (sunset is at 7:55.)

BYOB (bag, that is!) Potlucks are discouraged, but we can bring our own meal in a box or bag.

Bring your own chair and mask. Someone will assist you if you need help from your car to the meeting location (and back.)

Next year will be a blend of in person and Zoom meetings as things begin to return to normal. Beth is working hard on coordinating speakers for us.

Enjoy your day,

Kathy Barnes



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.

Please remember to email me your pictures for sharing. Email is best. If you have something for the UFO challenge, please send that to Sandi Delman.

Looking forward to seeing everyone's beauties!

Christy Sprecco



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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

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.

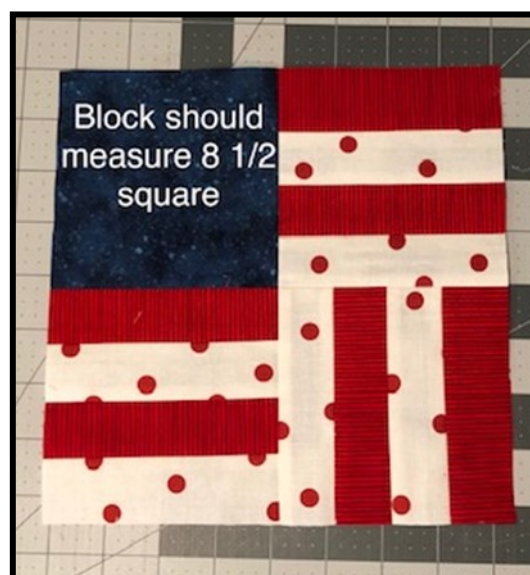
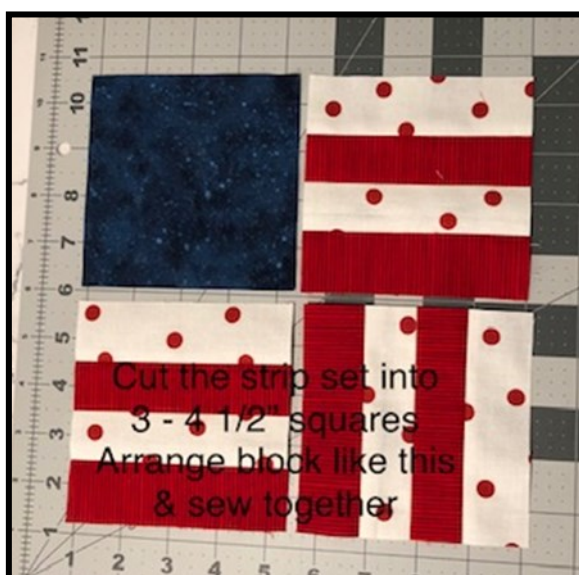
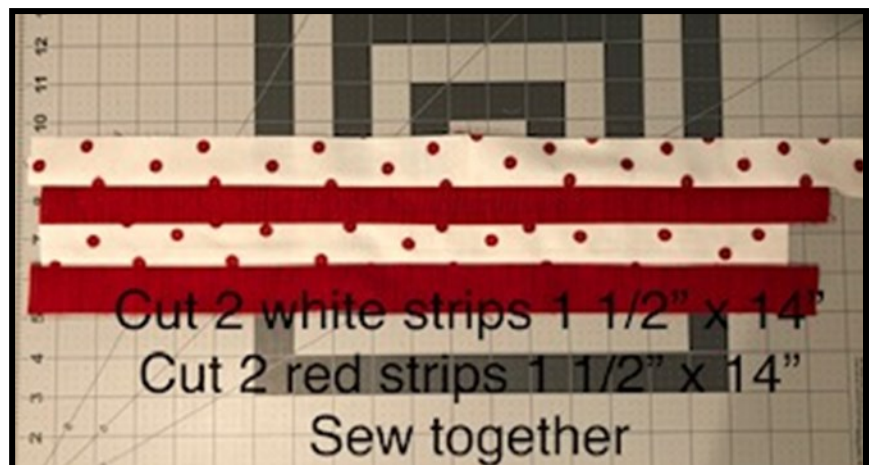
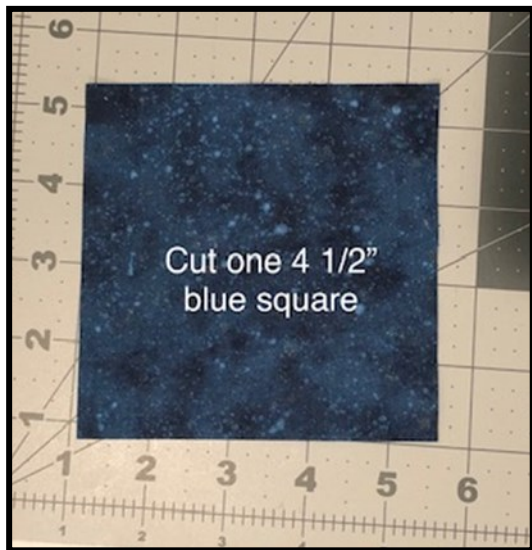
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Drawing June 8, 2021 ~ Thank you for your Support

Block of the Month—May

*** I love Americana decor and especially quilts so I chose to do a patriotic quilt block this month. We will soon be celebrating Memorial Day and the Fourth of July and I hope the winner of these blocks will enjoy sewing them together to commemorate these holidays. I did a search online for patriotic quilt blocks and several nice blocks came up. The block we will be making this month is based off of a 6 1/2 inch block I saw online. I changed it up a bit by making it slightly larger at 8 1/2 inches and to do that I added an extra stripe. Pull out those red, white, and blue fabrics and join me in making this quick, cute block for our May block of the month!

- Cecelia Midgette





ZOOMing

By Christy Sprecco

Christy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Meeting is May 11 at 7:00 PM. I will join the call about 15 minutes early to help facilitate anyone needing assistance.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Meeting URL:

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Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2020 – 2021 Program

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Becky McDaniel – My Applique Journey Lecture

Becky will share with us a trunk show of her applique quilts.

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

End of the Year Celebration at Renette Park (6:00 pm)

Bring your own dinner, chair and mask.

2020-2021 Sunshine Challenge - UFO Incentive

This month participants were working to complete Project #1, which is the very last UFO of this year's Challenge. I hope participants are all set and those who didn't participate can appreciate the work that went into completing seven UFOs this Challenge "challenged" us with throughout the membership year. We will also be drawing two winners in May. The first winner will be chosen from the participants who turned in their Project #1. The second winner for the grand prize who has a chance for every completed project throughout the Challenge. Reveals are always fun! Hope you join in on Zoom at 7pm on May 11th.

Sandi Delman

Challenge Coordinator

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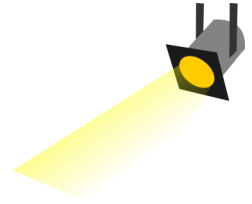
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Member Highlight of the Month— Beth Vangelder

Hi! My name is Elizabeth Vangelder but my friends all call me Beth. I was born and raised in Colton, California next door to the house in which my father was born. I am the second of five children. My husband, Randy and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this past January. Shortly after our first and only daughter was born, we moved a whole 10 minutes east to Redlands where we lived in the same house for 40 years.

After both our parents died, and Randy retired, we moved to El Cajon to be near my beloved sister and husband and our dear friends Alline and Kent in 2010.

I spent most of my adult life singing; in musicals, operas, at churches, funerals, weddings, service clubs, ball games, in choruses, as soloist with orchestras, bands or piano. I also managed a private voice studio in my home. I went back to college where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in vocal performance from California State University, San Bernardino (1988) and my Ca Teaching Certificate from the University of Redlands.

Our life changed dramatically when our daughter Crystal died in 1988 at age 15. I stopped pursuing a singing career and invested more time in other children. I taught secondary choral music for 9 years at Arrowhead Christian Academy and public school for 3 years in Bloomington and Corona. When I retired from teaching, I joined Inland Empire Sweet Adelines chorus and a quartet. I retired from singing when we moved to El Cajon.

The focus of my life is the friends and relationships I have within my Skyline Church family in Women's Bible study, small group support and 2Become One class. Randy and I try to exercise every day. Then extra time goes to quilting and crafts. My mother and dad both sewed and I honed some skills in Jr. High Home Economics class. Making clothes was more frustrating than enjoyable. Then a friend invited me to join her at The Road to CA where my interest in quilting blossomed and I made my first quilt, a gift for a new baby (late 1990's).

Though not an avid reader, I do like to read. I joined Sunshine Quilters in 2018? I am enjoying the relationships I am developing. The guild is a diverse, friendly, and lovely group of women I am proud to be part!



Happy 
Mother's
Day





Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Meeting Minute April 13, 2021

Kathy Barnes called the Zoom meeting at 7pm.

- Announcements included preparation for crafts anticipating the Summers Past show in December and future email for park gathering on May 4th.
- Guest Speaker was Nanette Zeller (North Carolina) a nature inspired textile artist. Her slide show represented her work. Her Masters in wild life biology inspired her subject matter. Landscapes, still life and seascapes through photos for drawings provide ideas. "Art is not what you see but rather is makes others see".
- TIP: Always stitch fused-applique pieces to permanently secure them in place. Spoonflower was suggested for print on demand artwork. Public domain resources for photos included National Archives (www.archives.gov) and Wikimedia Commons (commons.wikimedia.org).
- Beth VanGelder is lining up speakers for next year. No contract are signed yet. She would appreciate workshop suggestions and hinted at international speakers via Zoom in the future.
- "Pathway to the Stars" was shown for next year's lovely opportunity quilt coordinated by Jean Zuniga and Pam Davis.
- Tanya Althof will set up a delivery date for cuddle quilts soon. Contact her for kits, backing and batting.
- Sue Cox will be at the next gathering at the park and will have opportunity quilt tickets. Stubs can be turned in to her then.
- Kathy Manuel is working on the committee for guild officers next year. Volunteer to her for positions. Next month's speaker will be Becky McDaniel. There is no decision yet on whether the crazy cushion workshop will be held via Zoom or cancelled.
- A suggestion was made to meet at Renette Park an hour earlier (at 6pm) on June 8. Everyone is invited and needs to bring their own dinner since the annual potluck isn't possible.
- Challenge coordinator, Sandi Delman, revealed Project #6 with Kathy Barnes winning for the last month. May will be project #1.
- March BOM (31 blocks) was won by Candi Ravenscraft.
- The fun scrap-guessing jars totals were won by Bonnie Sue Patterson and Beth VanGelder (tied) and Jean Zuniga.
- Christy Sprecco presented the sharing of member's quilts
- The meeting ended at 8:59pm.



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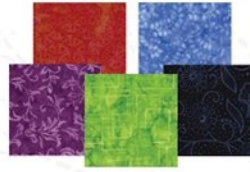
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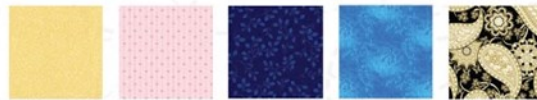
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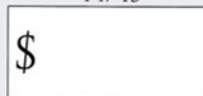
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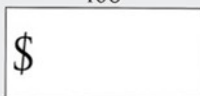
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