



Needle & Thimble News



President's Message

Well, here we are, with our last meeting coming up we say good-bye to a most challenging year – however, with the challenges we found ourselves able to adapt. For one thing, we learned how to Zoom! We're just too smart for words! Thank you, Christy for helping us (me especially) overcome reluctance to even try – but we did and I feel rather accomplished.

I was surprised and very excited to receive the beautiful President's Quilt that Kathy Manuel made and presented at last month's meeting. I'll bring it to the park so all may see it in person. It's a beauty and I feel very blessed! Thank you all so much for supporting me and the guild throughout this year.

Our "End of Year Celebration" is Tuesday, June 8th, Renette Park at 6:00, bring your own dinner, chair & even a TV tray or little table. If you need help to and from your car my husband, Bruce, will be in the parking lot looking for distressed ladies. (His picture was in last month's newsletter.) Just flag him down with a scarf, scrap of fabric or whatever and he will assist you.

Agenda items include:

- Secret Pal Reveal
- List of speakers & workshops for 2021/22
- Vote in next term's officers
- Door prizes
- Sharing
- Collection of Cuddle Quilts
- Have the last Block of the Month drawing of the year – so be sure to bring one!
- And especially: Draw the 2020/21 Opportunity Quilt winner!!

While meetings take a break in July & August, the guild may have additional activities. Be on the look-out for possible cuddle quilt sew-ins and other special event notices.

Also to remember:

Use our advertiser's services

Prepare items to sell at December's Craft Fair

It's been a pleasure serving as your president for the past two years.

Kathy Barnes





I have a curved wooden thread cone holder for sale. \$50 cash. It has all the pegs and can be hung on a wall. If you think you might be interested come take a look at it during the meeting.

- Tanya Althoff

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FIC-COLLAGE

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
Treasurer	Connie Smith
Door Prizes	Connie Smith
Membership	Sherri Necochea
Membership Assistant	Pam Davis
Cuddle Quilt Coordinator	Tanya Althof
Parliamentarian	Jennifer Phillips
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Hospitality/Refreshments	Peggy Jencks
Directory	Karen Collin
Meeting Room Manager	Kathy Barnes/Connie Smith
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

Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2020 – 2021 Program

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

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

Bring:

- ◆ Your own dinner
- ◆ Chair and mask
- ◆ Opportunity quilt ticket stubs
- ◆ Sharing



Cuddle Quilt Update

I am excited to see you all! I will be bringing a fresh new cuddle quilt sample, pattern and kits for it. I will also have some of the leftovers from earlier as well a bag of the batting and labels.

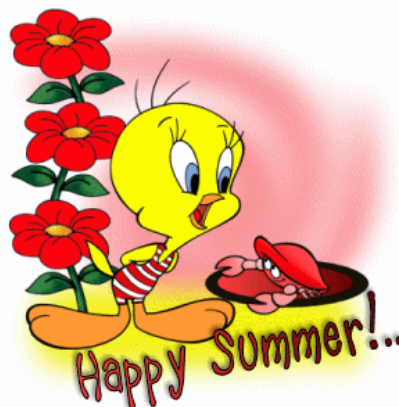
Please bring your finished cuddle quilts (in a closable bag please) and I will put them in "lock down" to be delivered about 2 weeks later to YWCA Becky's House.

- Tanya Althoff

SECRET PAL Reveal:

Reminder! We reveal ourselves to our Secret Pals at the June 8th meeting. Please introduce yourself to your Secret Pal so they can meet the person who has been giving to them all year. I hope everyone has enjoyed this year of gift giving and will do it again next September.

- Susan Cox



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

TEN TOP REASONS TO JOIN SUNSHINE QUILTERS:

1. Seven inspiring speakers that are sure to challenge, encourage & give you great new ideas!
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Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Meeting Minutes May 11, 2021

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

Guest Speaker: Becky McDaniel, "My Applique Journey". She discussed great techniques for Needle Turn applique, Foundation Paper Machine applique and Fusible Raw Edge applique.

Announcements:

- No June meet-up in the park. Our June meeting will be Tuesday, the 8th, at 6:00 p.m. and will be in the park (not inside). Bring your own bag dinner and a chair. Secret pals will be revealed.
- Hoping that by September meetings will be back inside.
- 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
- Nominating Committee is requesting members to sign up for empty positions.

Reports:

Programs: Beth Van Gelder shared the program line up for 2021-2022. These will be a mix of zoom and in-person programs (as permitted) to allow a greater variety of speakers including one from Australia in October. Several workshops are planned. A poll was conducted and showed that 57% preferred Wednesdays and 74% preferred Saturdays. (Some members voted for both.)

UFO Challenge: 13 participants. This month was the last of the challenge. Five members did not complete this month's project. Pam Davis won the May's \$10 drawing. Pam Davis also won the drawing for the year! Those who did not complete any month's project now owe \$1 for each month missed.

Cuddle Quilts: Tanya has kits, labels, and supplies available. Bring your completed cuddle quilts to the June meeting in a sealed bag.

Monthly Block: Christy Sprecco is the winner of April's "Spring Traffic Jam" blocks. For June, Cecilia Midgette selected an Americana block and directions were in the newsletter. You may mail your block(s) and a \$1 to Lorna Bisson or bring them to June's meeting in the park.

21-22 Opportunity Quilt: The quilt is completed! Tickets will be printed.

20-21 Opportunity Quilt: A few tickets are still available for "Down the Rabbit Hole". Contact Susan Cox for more tickets. Consider sharing the quilt picture with your friends or on social media to help increase sales.

Retreat: Waiting for information about the retreat for May 2022 at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center

Fund Raising: The next Summers' Past Farms craft fair will be in the fall. Start making items to sell.

Sharing: Sixteen beautiful projects were shared with the group. The presentation can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Kathy Manuel presented our guild president, Kathy Barnes, with a special quilt titled "Seeing Stars." Thank you, Kathy Barnes, for your inspired dedication and leadership as President of Sunshine Quilters of San Diego, 2019 - 2021 and specially for keeping us going through this pandemic.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Bisson



Member of the Month Highlight—Lynette Fulton



Being creative has always been part of my life, some endeavors better than others. I decorated cakes for years but decided to hang up my spatulas when my last wedding cake (for 600 people!) had a little listing problem. Making greeting cards is still enjoyable but I've collected more stamps and supplies than will ever get used up. Quilting is the one pastime I keep coming back to.

I was born in Los Angeles and raised in Torrance where I made my first quilt. Visualize drawing around a cardboard then cutting all those squares with a pair of scissors. My grandmother tied the twin size quilt that I used for years.

Always knowing I wanted to be a nurse like my mother, I attended Los Angeles County Medical Center School of Nursing. This was back in the day when we wore white everything ... dress uniform, support hose and nursing caps. After graduating in 1974 as a Registered Nurse, I worked over 45 years in emergency, recovery room and clinic. My favorite position was in a Level 1 Trauma Center ED where I ran the paramedic radio giving orders for everything from heart attacks to burns to trauma. I was still in my 20s and loved the busy ED, but soon found myself taking quilting classes as a way to deal with the daily stress.

A fire fighter and I were set up on a blind date. Our paths had crossed many times in the ED, a fire camp where I was volunteering as a Red Cross nurse, and even a party at a fire station when I dropped off a decorated cake! Richard and I were married 33 years ago and he still does all the cooking. (And dishes!)

I made 2 large quilts that were juried into Paducah, took top ribbons at ROAD in 1999, one was published in [Exploring Machine Trapunto](#) by Hari Walner and the other raised over \$5,000 for a children's charity. These, and a multitude of other quilts were made on my BERNINA 1230 which I still sew on today.

For many years, I took sewing and quilting classes at Chaffey College while living in Ontario. (Think ROAD to CA.) In 2004, I graduated with a degree in Fashion Design. During this time, I was the instructor at the local BERNINA dealership and hosted the monthly BERNINA club for 7 years. For 17 years, I also taught many different quilting classes at The Fabric Patch with machine quilting being the primary one.

Quilting became personal when Nite Owl Quilt Guild gave me a heart signature quilt to use while getting chemo for breast cancer 5 years ago. I cherish that quilt. I have since made 2 quilts with the backs filled with messages of love and encouragement for friends fighting cancer.

In January 2020, I retired from nursing and moved to San Diego a couple days later. Don't ask me what the rush was! Quilting is once again the focus in my life as I settle into my studio, a beautiful granny flat that used to be the double car garage. It is far enough away to be my own space but close enough to get room service from Richie. I have been working part time for one year at Cozy Creative Center and am so enjoying the friends I have made and fabric I get to be around.

I am so grateful to be healthy and enjoying retirement with my husband. Lynette Fulton

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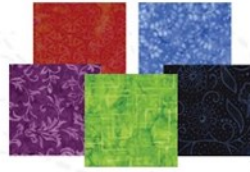
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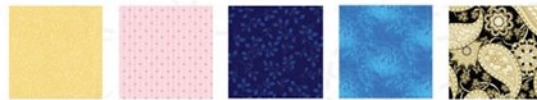
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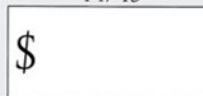
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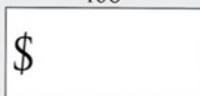
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