



Needle & Thimble News



President's Message

Hi Ladies,

Our May meeting will be a busy one, and I'm thrilled that we had so much participation at our April meeting and workshop! It finally feels like life is getting back to normal, and I'm hoping that many of the ladies who chose to step back during COVID will return to our guild for next year.

At our May meeting, please bring in any completed cuddle quilts for Becky's House. Tanya will work with the representative for a donation date. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share our craft with deserving youngsters.

The annual Challenge project is due at the May meeting. I'm excited to see the creative ideas that will come through in the Beatles theme and fabrics.

If you haven't yet turned in your raffle tickets for the annual Opportunity Quilt, please bring them in. We don't want you to miss out on the chance to win this stunning quilt. The drawing for the winner will be during our June meeting. The Opportunity Quilt for next year is currently being quilted, and will be available for viewing at our June meeting.

The Featherweight Collage workshop by Susy Nash was a big hit, and I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. Taking workshops are a wonderful way to stretch our creativity, and possibly learn new skills. This project seemed a little daunting at first as my analytical mind has to work overtime to not line everything up in perfect order. But once I got the hang of it, it was a very liberating feeling! I'm looking forward to see everyone's interpretation of the project.

We still have a lot of volunteer positions available for the 2022/2023 year, and I hope that you will consider contributing to the success of our guild. Our guild is so welcoming and friendly, and its future success depends upon all of us.

Trudy Cleveland will be our May guest lecturer, and she will discuss the value of photographing our quilts with a cell phone. She will also share a trunk show. There will be a Dinner with the Speaker prior to our meeting, and I'll put out a memo to invite everyone.

Happy quilting,
Kathy



This month please bring your cuddle quilts for donation. I have put in a request to Darlene at Becky's House. So bring them and we will get them on their way. If you need any last minute things let me know by calling me and you can come pick up at my house.

I will be busy this next couple of months putting together quilt kits for summer. Hopefully we can do a "sew in" in July or August.

Happy Mother's Day!
Tanya Althof

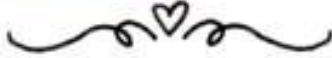


Patty Sprecco

Independent Beauty Consultant



619-890-6277
Patricia.Sprecco@cox.net
www.MaryKay.com/psprecco



PHIC-COLLAGES



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

EXTRA WIDE QUILTING FABRICS BY THE YARD

Fantabulous Backs



Kimberbell
Alessia
Bella Suede
Batiks
Kaffe/Tula
Henry Glass and Co
Patriotic
Riley Blake
And many more!

Call me @
619-804-6062

Check out our website: fantabulousbacks.com



Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2021-2022 Positions

Position	Member
President	Kathy Manuel
1st Vice President	Beth Van Gelder
2nd Vice President	Sherri Necochea
Secretary	Lorna Bisson
Treasurer	Connie Smith
Door Prizes	Connie Smith
Membership	Pam Davis
Membership Assistant	
Cuddle Quilt Coordinator	Tanya Althof
Parliamentarian	
Newsletter Editor	Candi Ravenscraft
Assistant Editor	Carol Santos
Mailbox Info Table	Carol Santos
Website	Christy Sprecco
Advertising	
Librarian	
Hospitality/Refreshments	
Directory	
Meeting Room Manager	Kathy Manuel
Retreat Coordinator	Candi Ravenscraft
Secret Pal Coordinator	Christy Sprecco
Guardian of 2021 Opportunity Quilt & Tickets	Kathy Manuel
Fund Raising (Ways & Means) Committee Lead	
Fund Raising Committee Member (1)	
Fund Raising Committee Member (2)	
Fund Raising Committee Member (3)	
2022-2023 Opportunity Quilt Planning	Kathy Manuel
Challenge Coordinator	Jennifer Phillips
UFO Challenge Coordinator	Sandi Delman
Historian/Meeting Photographer	Jan Hayman
SCCQG Representative	Marilyn Sidler/Kathy Manuel
Block of the Month (BOM) Coordinator	Lorna Bisson
September BOM	Sandi Delman
October BOM	Pam Davis
November BOM	Teresa Wiesendanger
December BOM	Sue Cox
January BOM	Cecilia Midgette
February BOM	Jean Zuniga
March BOM	Hallie McCoy
April BOM	Marilyn Sidler
May BOM	Julie Dale
Seasonal Opportunity Quilt Coordinator	
September/October Quilt Donor	Christy Sprecco and Jean Zuniga
November/December Quilt Donor	
January/February Quilt Donor	Janet Harris
March/April Quilt Donor	Cecelia Midgette
May/June Quilt Donor	



Opportunity Quilt

Remember to turn in your tickets at the May meeting.



Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2021 – 2022 Program

May 10 Trudy Cleveland lecture “Shoot Your Quilt”

Trudy started sewing, like many of us at age 12. She is a long-arm quilter who eased into photography by the need to photograph her customers’ quilts. “Shoot Your Quilt”, includes tips and techniques on using your smart phone for documenting your quilts. It will include why you should take photographs your quilts, how to take professional looking images, and what to do with your images.

June 14 “End of the Year Potluck”

Sunshine Quilters of San Diego

Minutes—April 12, 2022



Kathy Manuel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by at Renette Community Center.

Announcements:

- Connie Smith is stepping down from Treasurer and Kathy Manuel will take her place. The Guild needs volunteers for a new president. Please see the sign-up sheet to volunteer
- Please sign up for one of next year's open positions. The sign-up is available. Voting will occur at the June meeting.
- Gloria from the Chula Vista Quilt guild sold tickets for an opportunity quilt. The raffle will be held at their quilt show in May.

Reports:

Cuddle Quilts: Tanya showed a sample for a new block - Keyhole. Kits are available. If you would like to make a teen size quilt, possibly use 2 kits. Bring all completed cuddle quilts to the May meeting for collection. A reminder that we are requesting everyone to make 2 at least cuddle quilts a year to support this program.

Programs: Everyone gets 1 free workshop. You can bring a friend—also for free. The goal is to grow the guild. A list of all programs and workshops are in the newsletter.

Challenge: "A Tribute to the Beatles" (12" x 16" quilt, minimum) is due at the May meeting.

21-22 Opportunity Quilt: Tickets are available. Don't forget to turn in your tickets. You can buy extra tickets to sell to family and friends, neighbors and strangers. \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Retreat: The retreat is scheduled for 12-15 May 2022 at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Collin. Paperwork and final balance are due now.

Website: sunshinequilters.com If you notice a problem with the website, please notify Christy Sprecco.

Advertisement: A letter was mailed to local businesses for the opportunity to place an ad in our newsletter.

Block of the Month: Drawings were held for the last few BOMs. January's pink and white Log Cabins (Cecilia Midgette) was won by Hallie McCoy. February's Shamrocks (Jean Zuniga) was won by Candi Ravenscraft. March's Tulips (Hallie McCoy) were won by Sandi Delman. Marilyn Sidler presented April's block Springtime in Paris. Kits were available. Bring completed blocks with a dollar each for the drawing in May.

Seasonal Opportunity Quilt: The January - February opportunity quilt were two table runners by Janet Harris. They were won by Kathy Barnes. The March - April Opportunity quilt is a wall hanging by Cecilia Midgett.

"Unofficial" UFO Challenge: No prizes this year, just bragging rights! Bring your monthly completed UFO project to share. # 3 is due in May.

Sharing: Nine members shared their beautiful projects.

Our guest speaker was Sue Nash, "My Journey to collage." She presented examples of her work and her journey to becoming a Laura Heine certified instructor.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Bisson



"Unofficial" Challenge 2021-2022 UFO Incentive

"Unofficial" Challenge 2021-2022 UFO Incentive

I will draw the next UFO at our May meeting. There is just one project left in the challenge. If you participated in the challenge, we are anxious to see your project!

In case you need to catch up:

UFO #2 drawn in November to show in December

UFO #6 drawn in December to show in January

UFO #1 drawn in January to show in February

UFO #4 drawn in February to show in March

UFO #5 drawn in March to show in April

UFO #3 drawn in April to show in May

If you have any question(s) reach out!

Sandi Delman

"Unofficial" Challenge 2021-2022 UFO Incentive Coordinator



Springtime in Paris - Printemps a Paris

“S’il vous plait” Please bring your April Block of the Month to our May meeting (dusty rose & gray, disappearing Four-Patch). If you need help - please call, text, email Marilyn Sidler (619) 618 8016.

My “tip” is match seams from CENTER——> out. The edges will be uneven. But I allowed extra fabric for you to trim. Thank you so much for participating. “Merci Beaucoup.”





Programs 2022-2023

At the May meeting I will take what I hope to be a QUICK poll. To that end, please read and think about your answers to the following questions. I will do a "raise your hand" vote to help me in planning for next year. Thank you. Sherri Necochea.

1. I am in the Guild primarily for
 - a) Comradery
 - b) Fun/Entertainment
 - c) Education for better skills and new techniques
2. Are you ok with an occasional Zoom program (esp. if an out of USA speaker)?
3. Can you attend workshops on
 - a) Any day of the week.
 - b) Weekends ONLY
 - c) Sunday
 - d) 1/2-day workshops
4. Interested in small group workshops (6 or less) that would be presented in a series, i.e. over a 3- week period, perhaps lead by a guild member.
5. All day (10 am to 5Pm (in and out as you please) Sew-in (bring own project). Morning beverages and rolls as well as lunch provided. Possible \$5 fee
6. Prefer projects that emphasize
 - a) full size quilts
 - b) lap
 - c) table runners
 - d) pillows, bags, totes, purses backpacks.
7. If Sunshine had a Tee shirt with a new logo might you purchase one?
8. On the piece of paper you were given answer the question. I would like more emphasis on _____.
Less emphasis on _____.

Please also print the name of a speaker or workshop that would "rock your boat" if we could get them.

This is YOUR time, money, and guild. Let's have another great year.

Please consider yourself for one of these positions for our next year to keep Sunshine Quilters a fun and creative group!

Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2022-2023 Positions

Position	Member
President	
1st Vice President	
2nd Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	Kathy Manuel
Door Prizes	Connie Smith
Membership	
Membership Assistant	
Cuddle Quilt Coordinator	
Parliamentarian	
Newsletter Editor	Candi Ravenscraft
Assistant Editor	Carol Santos
Mailbox Info Table	
Website	Christy Sprecco
Advertising	Christy Sprecco
Librarian	
Hospitality/Refreshments	
Directory	Kathy Manuel
Meeting Room Manager	
Retreat Coordinator	
Secret Pal Coordinator	
Guardian of 2022/2023 Opportunity Quilt/Tickets	
Fund Raising (Ways & Means) Committee Lead	
Fund Raising Committee Member (1)	
Fund Raising Committee Member (2)	
Fund Raising Committee Member (3)	
2023-2024 Opportunity Quilt Planning	
Challenge Coordinator	
Historian/Meeting Photographer	
SCCQG Representative	
Block of the Month (BOM) Coordinator	Jennifer Phillips
September BOM	Kathy Manuel
October BOM	Cecilia Midgette
November BOM	
December BOM	
January BOM	Christy Sprecco
February BOM	
March BOM	
April BOM	Jean Zuniga
May BOM	Marilyn Sidler
Seasonal Opportunity Quilt Coordinator	
September/October Quilt Donor	
November/December Quilt Donor	
January/February Quilt Donor	Cecilia Midgette
March/April Quilt Donor	
May/June Quilt Donor	



Candi Ravenscraft, Newsletter Editor
PO Box 20483
El Cajon, CA 92021
Sunshinequilters.com