



SUNSHINE QUILTERS
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President's Message

Welcome back! Is it autumn already? You sure can't tell by this heat. Are you ready for another great quilting year?!

Ideas were flowing fast and furious at our summer Board meeting. I think Sherri had our speakers lined up before last year was even over. Check out the list in this newsletter. We even have a surprise speaker coming in September--so don't miss it. This won't give us as much time for our business meeting so please no sharing in September, arrive early, check out opportunities to volunteer (and receive a gift!), grab your ice cream and have a seat. Please bring a guest – both of you will receive a gift! If you haven't already, please renew your membership and don't forget to wear your nametag.

You'll note the budget isn't quite balanced—but we have a plan. **1.** Invite more people to join our guild. Look around you at the meeting, who is missing. Reach out to them for the next meeting. **2.** Sell more tickets for our annual opportunity quilt. Please sign up with Kathy Manuel to sell tickets at other guild meetings and at Road to California. Where else could we sell tickets? **3.** We'll be back at Summers Past Farm Craft Fair for 2 days in December so start sewing/creating items to sell. In addition, this year we will trial selling quilts at a true value price. (What would be an easy way of pricing these, i.e., price per square inch?) Do you have a quilt you can donate? I found four that I think I can live without. We will have a Christmas tree at the booth and are asking everyone to make an ornament to sell on the tree. **4.** Giant Yard Sale/Bake Sale early next spring. Start collecting items to sell. Ask neighbors for items to sell. I already started cleaning out the garage and closets and have piles started. I proposed at my house because I have a large garage to store items until the sale and a large, paved area to have a sale. **5.** Guild Water Bottles – to stop disposable water bottle use at meetings and a raise a little more money. \$20 for aluminum water bottle in either charcoal or silver (which would you prefer?) with our logo in yellow. Anyone know a graphic artist to help change our logo to one color? **6.** Guild Auction in December. Bring a guest! Dig through your stash, collection of vintage sewing machines and other quality, quilting items for a fun December auction. Plus we are offering a table for our advertisers to sell their goods – don't miss it. Did I mention the great list of speakers and workshops for the year?! It's going to be a great year! Happy quilting,

Lorna Bisson
President



Patty Sprecco



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beauty experience

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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

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Sunshine Quilters of San Diego 2022-2023 Positions

Position	Member
President	Lorna Bisson
1st Vice President	
2nd Vice President	Sherri Necochea
Secretary	Christy Sprecco
Treasurer	Kathy Manuel
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	
Website	Christy Sprecco
Advertising	Christy Sprecco
Librarian	
Hospitality/Refreshments	Julie Dale
Directory/Bookmarks	Kathy Manuel
Meeting Room Manager	Kathy Manuel
Retreat Coordinator	Karen Collin
Secret Pal Coordinator	Janet Harris
Guardian of 2022/2023 OppQuilt/Tickets	Kathy Manuel
Fund Raising (Ways & Means) Cmte Lead	Need someone to coordinate the Summers Past Farms craft sale in December, please.
Committee Member (1)	
Committee Member (2)	
Committee Member (3)	
2023-2024 Opportunity Quilt Planning	Pam Davis
Challenge Coordinator	Kathy Barnes
Historian/Meeting Photographer	Jan Hayman
SCCQG Representative	Kathy Manuel
Block of the Month (BOM) Coord	Jennifer Phillips
September BOM	Kathy Manuel
October BOM	Cecilia Midgette
November BOM	Tanya Althof
December BOM	Pam Davis
January BOM	Christy Sprecco
February BOM	Jo Miller
March BOM	Nancy Tinker
April BOM	Jean Zuniga
May BOM	Marilyn Sidler
Seasonal Opportunity Quilt Coord	Cecilia Midgette
Sept/Oct	Jo Miller
Nov/Dec	Candi Ravenscraft
Jan/Feb	
March/April	Cecilia Midgette
May/June	Kathy Manuel



Hospitality

This year, we are asking members to sign up for refreshments each meeting rather than by your birthdate. Start thinking when you might bring treats. I'll have a sign up sheet at the treat table.

Remember our ice cream social is this month.

Julie Dale



Small Group Education

Have a li'l featherweight sewing machine?

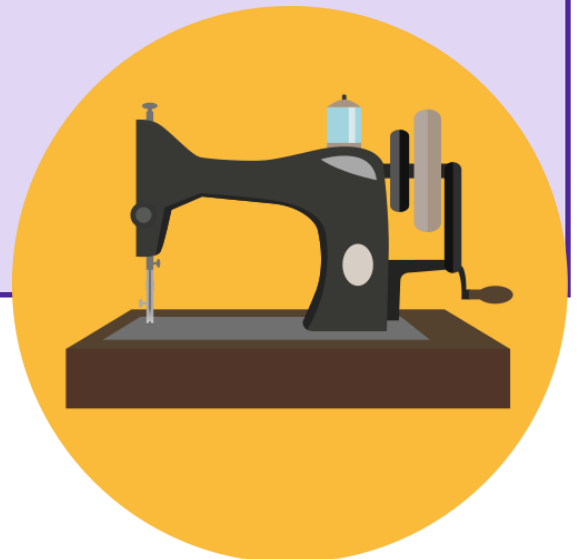
Join us in March (date and location to be determined) to learn how to clean, oil, and thread your precious antique.

And if there is time - we can explore some of the fun accessories & attachments made for them.

Supply list to be provided at a later date.

Happy Sewing!

Jo Miller & Karen Collin





Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Minutes—June 14, 2022

Kathy Manuel opened the meeting to announce the new board of directors:

Lorna Bisson – President
Sherri Necochea – 1st VP
Kathy Manual – Treasurer
Christy Sprecco – Secretary

Jean Zuniga moved to accept the new board, Karen Collin seconded, all in favor. Board of Directors approved for the 2022-2023 year.

Julie Dale volunteered to take hospitality

Looking for a fundraising coordinator, especially for the December Summers Past booth.

Announcements:

Janet Harris is hosting a Cuddle Quilt Sew In August 13th from 9-4 at the Pecan Park Mobile Home Park. Coffee and donuts will be provided but bring your own lunch.

Tanya is looking for ideas for cuddle quilt kits and welcomes anyone who is willing to come help cut and package quilt kits.

Call Tanya if you need any fabric for anything – the inventory is overflowing and she can't really take any more in until we help use it up.

We donated 37 quilts to Becky's House on May 10th. Appealing to all members to donate at least 2 quilts for November.

Kathy Barnes presented the Presidents quilt to Kathy Manual. This was a signature quilt made by the members. Kathy pieced the blocks, Jean Zuniga quilted it, Sherri Necochea made the label and Jennifer Phillips did the binding.

Block of the Month – Jean Zuniga won the block of the month, prepared by Julie Dale. Anyone who was not able to attend the meeting can send their blocks to Jean.

The seasonal opportunity quilt made by Lorna Bisson – The Ukraine Unity Quilt – was won by Nancy Tinker. Proceeds from this quilt are being donated to The House of Ukraine in Balboa Park for their efforts. This quilt raised \$205 for the donation.

Camille Gower won the Annual Opportunity Quilt!

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Sprecco



Membership

Just a reminder that your dues are due at the September meeting. If you mail your registration to Kathy Manuel before the meeting, she will bring your opportunity tickets to the meeting.

We have lots of fun things planned for this year.

Thank you
Pam Davis



Cuddle Quilt Update

Hello everyone and welcome to a new year of fun and friendship.

Last year when we were just coming off the covid restrictions I have been trying to gauge how many cuddle kits I-we should make. Along with that thought I will be requesting that 1 or 2 people help me to iron/cut fabrics for the kits. I make one new set of kits every other month. If you have a kit you would like to make and are willing to help get those kits together, please let me know. We can work out the size for a 40x50 quilt- you could also choose from the many patterns that I have already collected, listen to music, maybe have lunch. I will schedule to do this at my house.

For this month I have already gotten the kits ready. I will be bringing those along with a few batings, tags, and maybe some backings. Because this is our only charity opportunity, I am asking that each guild member make at least 2 cuddle quilts. The kits that I make up are quick and easy to assemble and most have a video, from Missouri Star Quilt Company with Jenny Doan, for an added visual.

I had so much fun at our cuddle sew-in. Thank you to all who came out to participate. I am thinking of doing another one in January or February so we have something fun to look forward to after the holidays.

I look forward to seeing you all as our new guild season kicks off.

Tanya Althof



MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

TOP TEN REASONS TO JOIN SUNSHINE QUILTERS OF SAN DIEGO:

1. Inspiring speakers that are sure to challenge, encourage and give you great new ideas!
2. Workshops at reduced membership rates!
3. Two free guest passes!
4. Library of quilting books always at your fingertips!
5. Secret Pal possibilities!
6. Free cookies and desserts!
7. Door prizes, potlucks and auctions!
8. A place to show off your projects to people who can REALLY appreciate all your hard work!
9. New quilting friends!
10. TO BE A PART OF THE BEST, MOST FRIENDLY GROUP OF QUILTERS EVER FOUND!!

Use the application below and mail to:

Kathy Manuel
9500 Harritt Rd., Sp 43
Lakeside, CA 92040

Check Payable to: Sunshine Quilters of San Diego

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2022-2023

SUNSHINE QUILTERS OF SAN DIEGO

COST OF \$50.00 FOR A YEAR

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Phones - Home: _____ Cell or Work: _____

Email Address: _____

Newsletter Delivery by: USPS: _____ Or e-mail: _____ Birthday (Month/Day): _____

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Membership committee only:

Date Paid: _____ Amount: _____ By Committee Member: _____

Check number: _____ or Cash: _____

Sunshine Quilters – Board Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2022

Members present:

Lorna Bisson, President
Sherri Necochea – 1st Vice President
Kathy Manual – Treasurer
Christy Sprecco, Secretary
Carol Santos, Fund Raising Committee
Kathy Barnes, Challenge Coordinator
Candy Ravenscraft, Newsletter Editor
Pam Davis, Membership
Julie Dale, Hospitality



Items discussed:

Non-profit status – the guild’s non-profit status lapsed a few years ago. Lorna and Kathy M looking into what it would take to reinstate. Meanwhile, need to ensure we are not claiming non-profit status on our publications and need to make sure all our drawings are handled properly.**

Budget – Reviewed the year end 2022 financial statement to draft a 2022-2023 budget. Goal is to have a balanced budget which means we need to brainstorm increased membership and fund-raising ideas. A fundraising committee has been organized.

Income Ideas:

Craft Fair – either 2 days or 1 day with a double booth. A double booth would allow us to display quilts for sale (donated by the membership).

Yard sale – Lorna is willing to host a yard sale at her lower garage. She can store items there in advance. Need Christy’s Pop up and others if available. Items donated should be clean, usable items. Could also do a bake sale.

Opportunity Quilt – need to increase the sales of this beyond the members \$20 worth of tickets. Discussed traveling to other guilds, need two people. Kathy M to get a meeting list together. Can also list our quilt on the SCCQG website.

Quilt Auction – discussed hosting a quilt auction for the general public, perhaps at a VFW/Elks/Masonic lodge. Checking with membership to see if anyone has a connection. These would be quilts donated by the membership.

Sept Meeting – ice cream social. Discussed the small ice cream cups and toppings. Members to fix their ice cream as they come in and be seated as we have very special and fun speaker coming to speak at the meeting. Members may bring a guest to attend free (membership drive). There will be no sharing in Sept as we need to introduce new board & committees and have a speaker. Save those great projects for Oct.

Sherri has arranged for 6 workshops this year. Due to increased costs of speakers and workshops, the fee will be increased to \$40 for members and \$50 to non-members. We need to advertise our workshops to other guilds.

Advertising – Karen Collins will not be advertising any longer as she no longer will be taking quilts to long arm. Would really love a new Advertising Chair to step up so Christy can turn over files to focus on secretary work.

One or two speakers did not submit the W-9 tax form. Christy mailing some blanks to Sherri. Speakers must submit forms.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Sprecco

*Following the meeting we did confirm that the guild non-profit status was reinstated.

Attention Sunshine Quilters of San Diego!

~~ YOU ARE BEING CHALLENGED!! ~~

Last year guest speaker, Scarlet Rose, mentioned a Paint Chip Challenge that she'd used and we're going to borrow from her brilliant idea! She said "Her local guild has done this Challenge as a special exhibit for several of their quilt shows. The chair picks a color, then chooses a paint chip with 3 or more shades of that color on it. Everyone has to use those shades in their quilts and they're allowed to pick one other color to go with it."

I chose this teal colored paint chip from Home Depot's Glidden display. We're going to loosen the rules a bit and have some fun!

OUR CHALLENGE RULES ARE:

You must use three or more colors from my chosen paint chip – example on the right. I'll bring a real-life paint chip or two to the September 13, 2022 meeting.

You may choose to use ONE other color ONLY. But this extra color is not required

We do not consider black, grey or white a color, so you may use any number of black to white hues in your quilt. However, they must be pure – no hint of a color in your grays – even of the one extra color you may use.

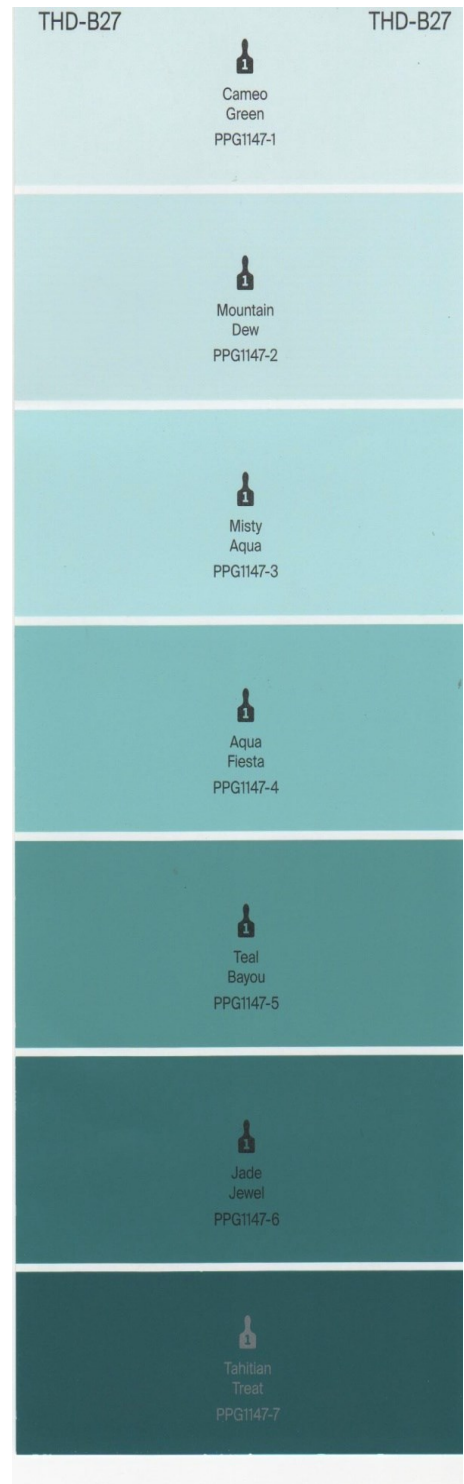
Your quilt must be 18" square or larger.

Your quilt must be finished and ready for judging at the May 9, 2023 guild meeting.

Ok, ladies – YOU'VE BEEN CHALLENGED! Have fun and let the creative juices start churning!!

Kathy Barnes

2022-2023 Challenge Coordinator



Retreat Planning

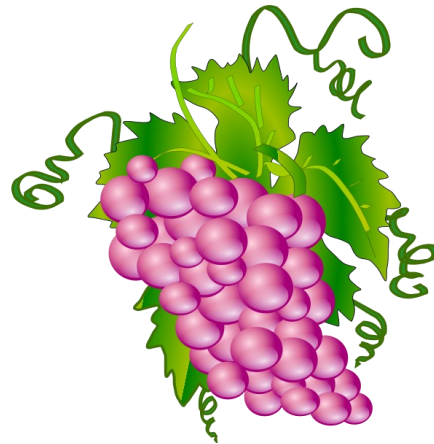
Sunshine Quilters' Retreat Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula CA
May 11-14, 2023



It's time to start making plans for our next retreat. I would like to thank everyone who attended last year for providing feedback. You had some great ideas!! Things staying the same: Our contract is for 20 attendees and we will cap at 22. Everyone was in agreement that it was nice to have a work table to themselves. Vaccine requirements and a signed liability waiver as per Vina.

Activities - the quantity and type seemed to be to everyone's liking last year so we will do something very similar. A theme - will be announced no later than the November meeting. Things changing: In the interest of making the event totally self supporting and not reliant on additional funding from the guild, the cost will be going up a little. 4 days/ 3 nights will be \$450, 3 days and 2 nights will be \$335. That amount is all inclusive.... There will not be other \$\$ requested including \$ for a staff tip etc. (exception - an optional massage) Non members will pay the same fee as members. Guild members will have the membership perk/benefit of an early registration sign up period. Starting in Sept and running through Oct 31, member registrations and deposits will be accepted. On Nov. 1, registrations will be open to members and non members alike. I am aware that several long time non member attendees would like to continue retreating with us. I don't anticipate a problem with accommodating them, but if it is important to them, please have them reach out to me and I will start a wait list. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the Sept meeting. If you would like to reserve your spot before the October meeting, please mail your form and deposit to me.

Karen Collin
Retreat Coordinator



Sunshine Quilters' Retreat
May 11-14, 2023
Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center 39300 DePortola Rd.
Temecula, CA 92592-8758

Looking forward to sitting and stitching again? It's time to start planning our next retreat! Vina is still asking for all attendees to be vaccinated and sign a liability waiver. Membership benefit early sign-up period: Sept 1 - Oct 31. Starting Nov. 1, non-guild members can sign up too. Mail your registration form and \$100 deposit to the address below to hold your spot.

You may check in after 2:00 pm on THURSDAY (May 11) with dinner as your first meal. Room check out is at 9:00 am SUNDAY (May 14) but you may continue to sew until 2:00 pm Dinner is provided on Thursday. Friday arrivals get lunch and dinner.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided on Saturday. Brunch is on Sunday.

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Tear off and send to: **Karen Collin**  
**58 Corte Maria Ave.**  
**Chula Vista, CA 91010**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Sunshine Quilters of San Diego**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOM MATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Room Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you wake up early? Y N Stay up late? Y N**

**4 Days/ 3 Nights 3 Days/2 Night**

Double Occupancy \$450.00  Double Occupancy \$335.00  Single Occupancy \$650.00

Single Occupancy \$480.00

**Day Commuters (may be accommodated if workroom space is available)**

Daily Rate \$25.00  Meals \$20.00

Circle days you will attend: Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

DEPOSIT CHECK# \_\_\_\_\_ Balance Due: \_\_\_\_\_

**A \$100.00 deposit holds your spot - FULL PAYMENT DUE BY April 11, 2023**

After April 12, spots and deposits can be rolled over to new attendees only.

## Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Guest Lecture & Workshops 2022-2023

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022** - This is our traditional Ice Cream Social, but we will also have a Swinging, Singing Surprise Guest Speaker this month. Please come and enjoy the start of a new exciting start to our year of guest speakers and workshops. There will be no project sharing this month so please save your completed projects for the October meeting.

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022** – Lecture by member Tanya Althof on “Artistic Hand Work”. She will share samples and discuss embellishments on art quilts.

**Saturday, October 15, 2022** – Workshop by Tanya Althof. We will work on a beautiful Welcome sign wall hanging. She has many creative ideas for this lovely project.

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022** – Lecture and Trunk Show by Emily Bailey on her Crumb Quilts.

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022** – Workshop by Emily Bailey on Crumb Quilting Basics. Crumb quilting is the ultimate way to zero waste patchwork using tiny scraps or 'crumbs' of fabric that are so small that most people would throw them away. This collection includes instructions and techniques for how to turn your stash of crumbs into beautiful quilts and quilted projects.

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022** – This is our traditional Holiday Pot Luck Dinner. But we will also have an Ugly, Funny Christmas Garb contest. Come dressed to impress and enjoy!

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023** – Lecture by Cindy Myers on “Coloring My Quilt Work”. She will share with us how she picks colors and fabrics for her quilts through a showing of some of her Judy Niemeyer quilts.

**Saturday, January 14, 2023** – Workshop by Cindy Myers on Broken Daisy Placemats which is a paper piecing project. Make a set of these great placemats and learn basic paper piecing techniques and a new curved piecing technique.





**Tuesday, February 14, 2023** – Lecture by Dawn Heese, who is an author, pattern and fabric designer who will share vintage inspired designs for today’s quilters as shown in her Linen Closet Designs book.

**Monday, February 13, 2023** – Workshop by Dawn Heese. The exact pattern is to be determined from her new book.

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023** – We will have an in-house roundabout where members will share specific techniques to the guild in small numbers as you rotate through the room.

**Friday, March 17, 2023** – This will be a fun Guild Sew-In day where we will work as a group on our own PIGS (projects in grocery sacks). Bring a UFO or current project and enjoy the day quilting and sharing with the ladies!

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023** – Wendy Mathson will share trunk show and discuss Designing w/Snails Trail or Storm at Sea. Wendy has designed templates to make both of these patterns easier to piece.

**Saturday, April 15, 2023** – Workshop by Wendy Mathson – Snail’s Trail Wall hanging.

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023** – Lecture by Diana McRae – “Put Your Own Stamp On It”.

**Saturday, May 20, 2023** – Workshop by Diana McRae – Pocket, Zippers, Hold It All Bag” – working with fabric, plastic, mesh, and cork.

**To enroll in a workshop, please contact Sherri Necochea.**

### September Birthdays

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Suzy Brownfield     | Sept 2  |
| Debra Broyles       | Sept 22 |
| Hallie McCoy        | Sept 9  |
| Teresa Wiesendanger | Sept 14 |

### August Birthdays

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Lisa Cumming  | Aug 5  |
| Barbara Curry | Aug 3  |
| Julie Dale    | Aug 12 |
| Anita Erskine | Aug 22 |
| Teri Green    | Aug 28 |
| Sandi Miller  | Aug 31 |
| Jane St. John | Aug 3  |



Be sure to wish your fellow members a very  
Happy Birthday!

## Looking forward to a fun year!

"It takes a village" Have I got a fun year planned for you! And by volunteering you can help everything run smoothly, be part of the "village", and still have fun.

There will be sign-up sheets for various projects and get togethers. Some are for later in the year and some may start as soon as this month. Please look for these each meeting for NEW information

**Starts in OCTOBER:** Sign up now for the Amazing Tower of Fat Quarters. Bring one quilt shop quality fat quarter each month. You must get your name checked off by the Tower manager when you hand it in. If absent you can have someone deliver for you or make it up the following month. Donations thru May meeting. In June Participants will be allowed to guess the Height in inches. Closest to the official measured amount wins the entire booty!!

Next: Sign up for the 2 1/2 inch "Wheel of Wonder". Same procedure as above except a wheel will be formed. In June closest participant guess to Weight of Wheel will take all.

**NO LIFTING or TOUCHING** either during the contest.

**Secret Pal:** Janet Harris will have sign-up sheets and info. Please see Janet at this meeting for all your information.

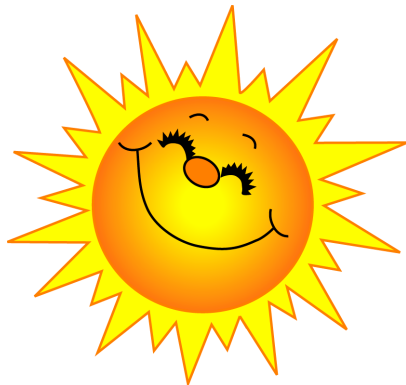
**SMALL GROUP EDUCATION:** Through the year we will have sign-up sheets for small groups that are free to members. These will focus on specific projects or techniques such as Bobbin Work. Or for example, Have a little Featherweight? Join us in March (exact date TBD) to learn how to clean, oil thread and maintain your precious antique. If there is time, we can explore some of the fun accessories and attachments made for them. Supply list at a later date. Coordinated by Jo Miller and Karen Collin

Sign up for Pam Davis's "Quilting Divas" Make the beautiful quilt she shared at the June meeting. Details later with Pam.

**FUND RAISING:** Many fund-raising events will occur through the year. The first sign-up sheet will be to make one quilt related Ornament for our December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> sale at Summers Past Farms. I would be wonderful if each member made just ONE, we would be off to a great start. Ornaments would need to be turned into a member of the Fund Raising Committee by November meeting.

**ONE FINAL NOTE:** If anyone has ideas for an activity thru the year, PLEASE let a member of the Board know. Carpooling to Visions; Dinner out fund raisers; Garage sales. I found this year that many speakers, in fact, have raised their fees and hotels have gone up. We have two speakers this year willing to stay one night with a member. Please speak up if you can host someone.

Sherri Necochea





Members enjoying a delicious potluck



Janet Harris has been busy!



Lots of sharing!



Janet Harris



Doreen Barnhart shared her Dahlia in a window.





Connie Smith has been busy too!



Dorothy McRann shared her featherweight project.

Beautiful!

Sandi Delman shared her latest creations  
The Tulip wall hanging were BOM blocks won by Sandi.  
Very cute!





Julie Dale—Dogs playing cards



Hallie McCoy shared this happy quilt



Sherri Necochea shared her latest vest creation





Pam Davis shared a couple of her recently completed projects for Fall and her row quilt.



# Presenting the 2022-2023 Opportunity Quilt, "Park Place"

We are looking for volunteers to take this gem to other guilds and  
Road to California in January.



Pattern designed by Daniela Stout of Cozy Creative Center

Thank you Kathy Manuel!



Toward the end of the evening, Kathy Manuel was presented this lovely purple & green quilt signed by all of the guild members. Thank you Kathy, for being a great president.





Jean Zuniga won the BOM's coordinated by Julie Dale



Nancy Tinker was the lucky winner of the Hearts for Ukraine. All of the proceeds for this went to the House of Ukraine.





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