



Needle & Thimble News



President's Message

Happy holidays, everyone!

I have been busy preparing for the Craft Fair this weekend that I have hardly started decorating for Christmas yet. The Thanksgiving week cruise with my family to Baja and the Sea of Cortez also set me back in time. But at least I have my Christmas quilt on my bed!

Speaking of the Craft Fair, oh my gosh! A group of ladies swooped in here for pricing on Monday. They were amazing! I got my steps in that day as I ran back and forth up to the house to get safety pins and scissors and bigger boxes... and then they were done!! Speaking of amazing, you all out did yourselves with the myriad of Christmas tree ornaments. They are all so precious. Wait until you see them on the tree! There was a little shopping done that day also.

Your generosity is overwhelming! Not only the crafts for the fair but for our charity quilts. So far, I have collected 101. I know there are more out there as some people did not bring them to the last meeting due to the rain. Wow! It fills my heart with joy. From those quilts I pulled out nine for the orphanage in Tijuana and twenty large throw size quilts for the Women's Shelter. I will give them to Susan on 7 December at the Bostonia Women's Club meeting. She is our Club's liaison with the shelter.

Our December potluck and auction is right around the corner. In addition to your favorite holiday food to share, bring your sewing/quilting goodies to sell. If you have are donating yardage mark the size of the pieces of cloth. (Bags of scraps would be fun to have after Emily's talk and workshop last month.) We will have auction and Craft Fair items and our newsletter vendors, so plan to finish your Christmas gift shopping. We will set the food up in the kitchen allowing more room in the main hall.

Road to California will be here before we know it. Please let Kathy know what time you would like to sell tickets for our opportunity quilt and when you will be able to volunteer hours at the show.

Starting in January you may bring items for the Yard Sale scheduled for the 1st of April. (Really,

I am not joking.) If you have not noticed neither of my cars are big. If you have larger items, we can arrange for you to drop off at my house.

I have too many projects to complete...or start. Thanks to Sherri for arranging Sit & Sew times in the new year. My first New Year resolution will be to complete five projects that I already have started or have supplies for in the coming year. That will allow time for all the fun new stuff from challenges, workshops, and just because.

Lorna Bisson
President



Patty 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

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Position	Member
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Cuddle Quilt Coordinator	Tanya Althof
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Hospitality/Refreshments	Julie Dale
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Retreat Coordinator	Karen Collin
Secret Pal Coordinator	Janet Harris
Guardian of 2022/2023 OppQuilt/Tickets	Kathy Manuel
Fund Raising (Ways & Means) Cmte Lead	Sherri Necochea
Committee Member (1)	Julie Dale
Committee Member (2)	Sandi Miller
Committee Member (3)	Candi Ravenscraft
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	Sherri Necochea
March/April	Cecilia Midgette
May/June	Kathy Manuel

REMINDER:

Remember to bring your fat quarter and/or 2 1/2" strip for whichever you are participating in. Contact Sherri Necochea if you have questions.



Holiday Potluck



Time for our annual Holiday Pot Luck!
Bring a delicious dish you'd like to share and
wear your ugly sweater or festive holiday
wear.





Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Minutes— November 8, 2022

Lorna Bisson opened the meeting and welcomed FIVE guests! Each guest, and their host, received a raffle ticket for our opportunity quilt.

We continued with announcements about the craft sale at Summers Past on Dec 3-4. Christy passed around the clipboard to sign up to work the booth. All are asked to donate items, especially quilts to sell and ornaments for the Christmas tree. We will go through items to price at Lorna's house on 11/28 at 3:00 PM - all are welcome to come help.

December meeting (12/13) will have lots of things going on:

- Potluck - bring your favorite dish to share. We are not making assignments as the last few years it seems to work out with a good variety of main dish, side dish and desserts.
- Wear your "ugly sweater" or otherwise holiday festive wear for the contest.
- We will have a live and silent auction (accepting donations for this). It wouldn't be a Sunshine Quilters Christmas party without Sandi Miller entertaining us with her auctioning skills.
- Our advertisers will be joining us with tables to sell their products. Please thank them for supporting the guild. Carrie Wilson will have her "fantabulous backings" and Patty Sprecco will have a table of gift items from Mary Kay.

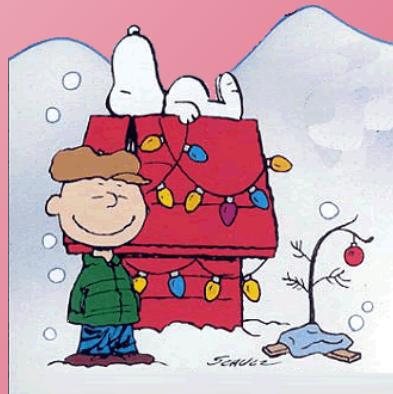
The guild needs volunteers for Road to California - we must provide 20 hours of staffing for the show plus people to work our table to sell tickets for the annual opportunity quilt. Contact Kathy Manuel to sign up.

Tanya has kits for cuddle quilts. The guild discussed recipients for the ones collected in November since Becky's House didn't need any this year. Some worthy causes were selected including an orphanage in Tijuana and the El Cajon Battered Women's shelter. Some will be offered for sale at Summers Past. If you have a charity to recommend, contact Lorna.

Retreat for 2023 is full! You can contact Karen Collin for information or to be added to the waiting list.

The members shared ideas for incentives to fill our workshops including drawing for a free or $\frac{1}{2}$ off workshop.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Sprecco



Row Quilt Workshop Project—December 15 @ 9:00am

We will be meeting December 15 at 9:00 am. We have a conflict in January. It is the week of Road to California. We need to change the date to the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please let me know by the 15 of December, so Sherri can get the date changed. If that doesn't work, we can change the day all together. Thanks Pam Davis

Duck Row

Head - 8 - 1 1/2" squares

Body - 8 - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles
8 - 1 1/2" squares

Bill - 4 - 2" squares

Background - 16 - 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles
8 - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles
4 - 2" squares
16 1 1/2" squares
2 - 1 1/2" strips - The width of fabric.



Sunshine Quilters water bottles are available for sale \$20, as a fund raiser and effort to reduce the plastic bottle usage at the meetings.

Contact Lorna Bisson if you are interested.

Seasonal Opportunity Quilt



Tickets are available
at the meeting.

\$1 each or 6 for \$5

This could be yours!



No Sharing at the December meeting.
Our agenda will be full with enjoying our
delicious dinner and the live and silent
auctions.



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

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.



Happy attendees to Emily Bailey’s crumb sewing workshop.

2022-2023 Opportunity Quilt, "Park Place"
We are looking for volunteers to take this gem to other
guilds and Road to California in January.
Contact Kathy Manuel



Pattern designed by Daniela Stout of Cozy Creative Center

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.

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.

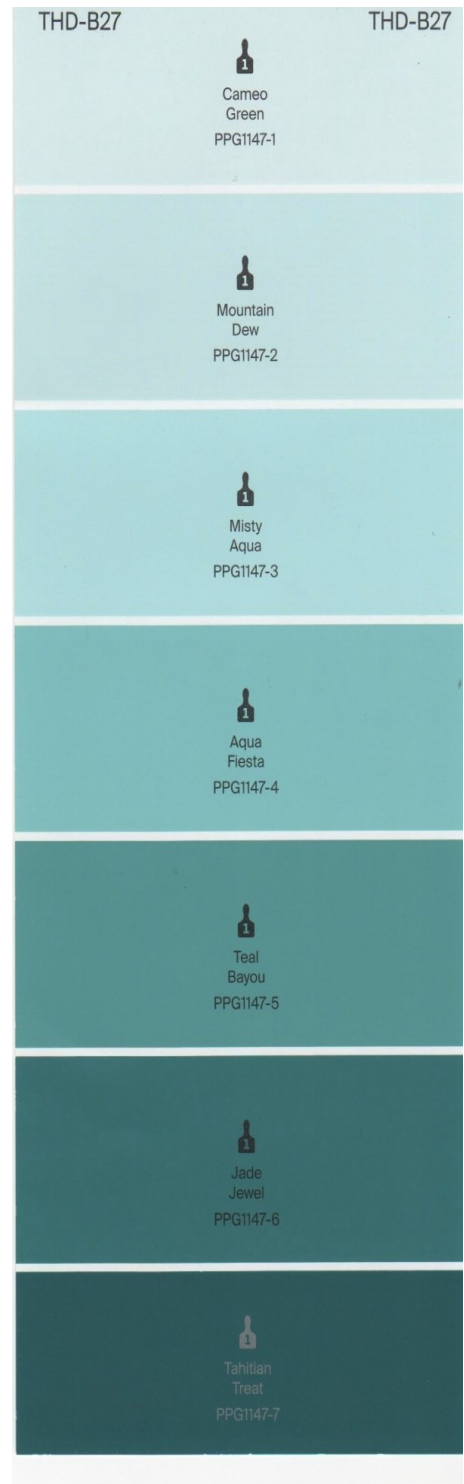
Your quilt must be 18" square or larger.

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

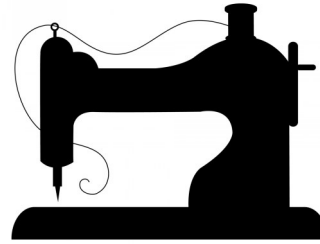
Ok, ladies – YOU'VE BEEN CHALLENGED! Have fun and let the creative juices start churning!!

Kathy Barnes

2022-2023 Challenge Coordinator



For Sale: 221 Singer Featherweight.
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shape. No case but all tools and feet are
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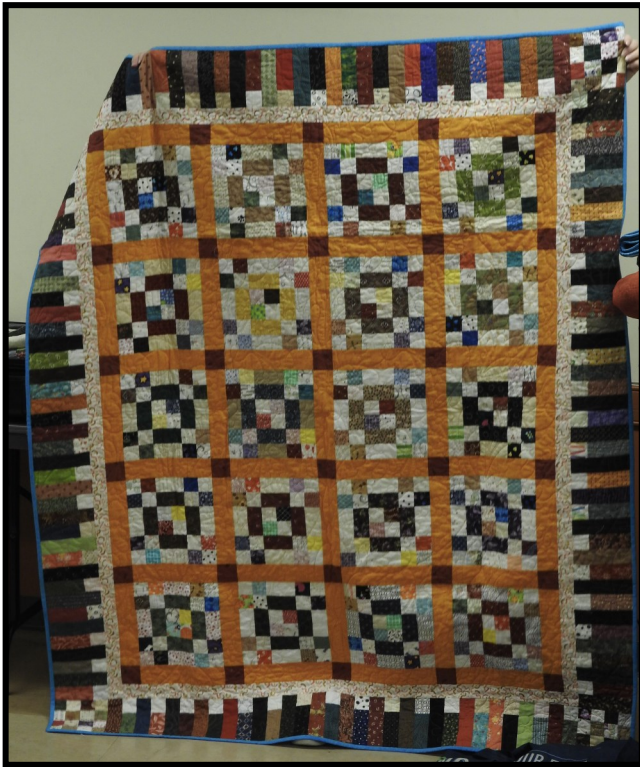
December Birthdays

Candi Ravenscraft	12/5
Debbie Lothspeich	12/18
Kathy Barnes	12/29



Christy Sprecco and Jean
Zuniga shared their Irish
Chain quilts

Lots of Sharing



Sandi Delman shared Hopscotch Butterscotch, Wonky Stars, Key hole and Wild Blue Yonder Cuddle quilts.



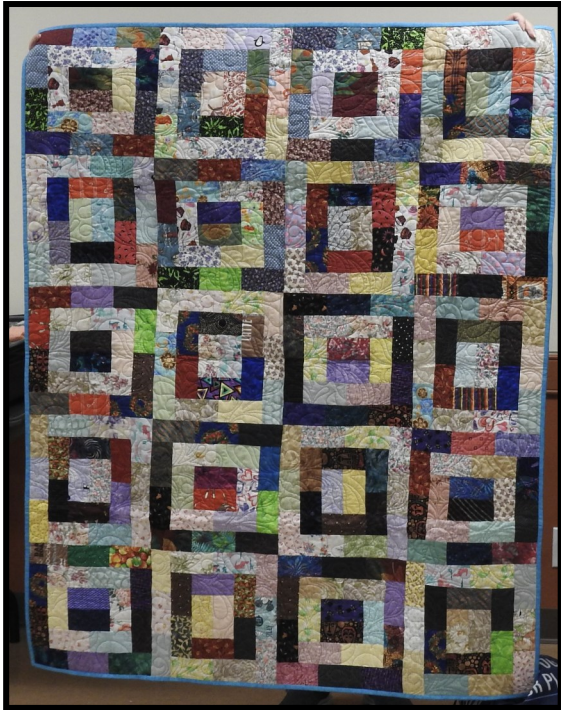
Suzy Boyer shared her projects that used Emily's crumb technique



Christy Sprecco shared her Hearts for Ukraine



Doreen Barnhart shared Moda Blocks of the Month



Sandi Delman shared Warm Wishes and another Key Hole quilt



Kathy Barnes shared a Red, White & Blue charity quilt



Julie Dale shared a quilt made of all silk





Our speaker, Emily Bailey, shared her quilting journey leading to crumb scrappy quilts.







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