



Needle & Thimble News



President's Message

During the cold months, my favorite thing is to bring a hot cup of tea into my sewing room and try to remember to sip it while it is still hot! I have been getting plenty of sewing done this month! I joined the All People Sew UFO Challenge to help me finish projects. I am proud to report that I am sewing on the binding now of my first finish of the year. It is Hugs and Kisses from The Quilt Show 2010 BOM designed by Sue Garman. Yep. 13 years later and finally finishing it up, but, I had already completed it in a different colorway for my granddaughter. Also, this month I have two of the placemats from our January workshop with Cindy Meyers layered and ready to quilt and a baby quilt is ready to quilt for a new grandniece. It is one of those patterns on a post card called Cloud Nine, from Villa Rosa Designs. It went together fast and easy so I think it would make a great cuddle quilt. I will get together Tanya and get some kits made up.

I think there are two reasons for this flurry of activity. One, Road to California Quilt Show was very motivating and, two, I will be gone about 45 days for my Antarctica trip. I have prepared some hand embroidery to bring with me. (From Crabapple Hill's "Over the River and through the Woods".) It is very compact and won't take up too much space in my luggage.

I am thrilled to have cleaned so much out of my sewing room with Karen Brown's (from Just Get It Done Quilts) Sewing Room Declutter Challenge. I had been meaning to clean out a lot of books, magazines and patterns for a while and listening to her gave me the push I needed to get it done. It is very refreshing. You can check her out on YouTube and Facebook.

January's Sew-in was fun. Some brought their machines for sewing and others did handwork. Lots of chatting and laughing. Always fun to check out what you are working on. Come join us for the next one.

Kathy Manuel is contacting the local quilt guilds in San Diego County so we can take our opportunity quilt to one of their meetings to sell tickets. Get with her to sign up for a time slot. I'm sorry to miss the next two month's lectures, workshops and sew-ins. Dawn Heese will be with us at the February meeting. I was just looking at her website and her work is beautiful (LinenClosetDesigns.com). You are going to have a wonderful time.

Take care of yourselves and each other.
Lorna



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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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Retreat Coordinator	Karen Collin
Secret Pal Coordinator	Janet Harris
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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.



Refreshments



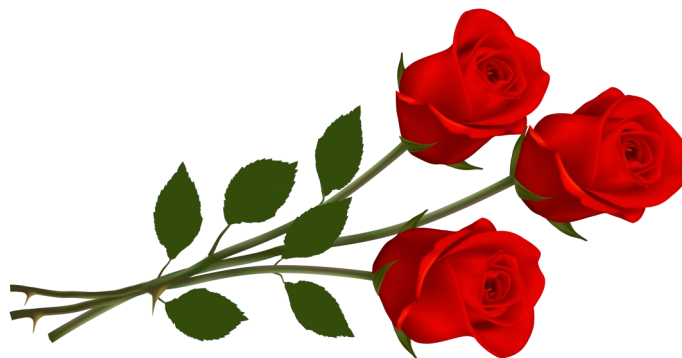
Treat Queens for February

Janet Harris
Debra Broyles
Sherri Necochea



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.





Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Minutes— January 10, 2023

The meeting opened with a discussion on the 2023 Summers Past craft fair. After discussion options, members agreed to participate in the November 4-5 craft fair this year instead of December. Members agreed we could have a greater variety of holiday items, including fall/Thanksgiving themed. We will still have the tree for ornaments too.

The guild needs a 2 nd VP of Programs to begin working on our programs for 2023-2024 year. The SCCQG meets April 8 (via Zoom) for a “Meet the Speakers” and we would like to have someone in place to virtually attend this meeting.

Retreat – Karen Collins – Vina de Lestonnac contacted Karen to advise us of a rate increase of \$4/meal per person. We all know how costs have risen and Vina cannot cover the cost without an increase. We have 8 meals to cover. There was much discussion on eliminating a meal in favor of going out or a pot luck. In the end, the membership voted to just increase the cost per person to cover the meals. 2024 prices will be higher and we may need to seek a new venue for retreats. We will need to seek out door prizes for retreat. Karen will send out packets soon. Theme for the retreat: Birds of a Feather. Karen has great patterns for birds for the block challenge.

Sherri displayed the wheel of strips and Fat Quarter stack. Participating members will have to guess the final weight of the wheel of strips and the final height of the Fat Quarter stack.

Cuddle quilts were distributed in December to the El Cajon Women's Club for their women's shelter program, an orphanage in Tijuana and to Rady's/Ronald MacDonald house. Rady's said the 40 they received would last them about 2 weeks and they are very happy to receive more.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Sprecco

Kathy Barnes and Lorna Bisson
shared their projects from Emily
Bailey's workshop.



Row Quilt Workshop Project—February 16 @ 9:00am

Row Sampler

4-Patch Row

Light Green - 2 - 1 1/2" strips

Dark Green - 2 - 1 1/2" strips

9-Patch Row

Light - 3 - 1 1/2" strips

Dark - 3 - 1 1/2" strips

Bear Paw Row

Background 1/4 yard

Cut - 8 - 2 1/2" squares

Cut - 16 - 3" squares

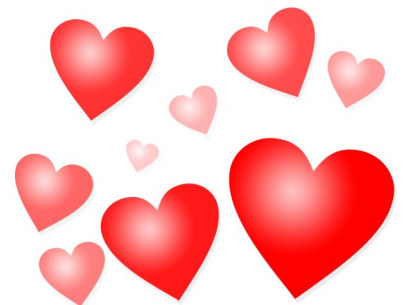
Bear Paws (8 different 5" x 12" rectangles)

From each of your browns cut:

2 - 3" squares

1 - 4 1/2" square

Pam Davis





February Birthdays	
Jo Miller	2/28



May Retreat update:

All the slots are filled and a waitlist has started. If you have signed up to go but your situation has changed and you can no longer go, please let me know so we can get someone to fill your spot.

Our theme for the retreat is “Birds of a feather stitch together” or something along those lines because I found adorable bird blocks for our Block of the Retreat drawing. The patterns will be passed out in the packets at the February meeting. And hopefully enough time to find theme related PJs for the pajama party if you’re so inclined.

At the last meeting we discussed the possible options after learning the retreat center was raising the cost to us for this years retreat due to the large spikes in the cost of food. Instead of cutting out Thursdays dinner or cutting back on other things to keep our cost close to the original amount, the consensus of those present was to add the \$32 per person to the cost for this years retreat.

The packets will include your balance due (if any) reflecting the new total. We want everyone signed up to still participate. If the additional cost would affect your ability to do so, please reach out to me.

If you are not able to attend the February meeting to pick up your packet, perhaps a friend could get it for you. Just let me know who you’d like me to hand it to, or I can mail it.

It won’t be long till we’ll be stitching together.

Karen Collin

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

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.



Hallie McCoy won the cute spool blocks

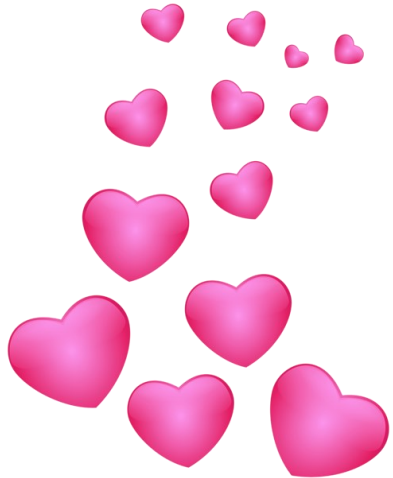
2022-2023 Opportunity Quilt, "Park Place"



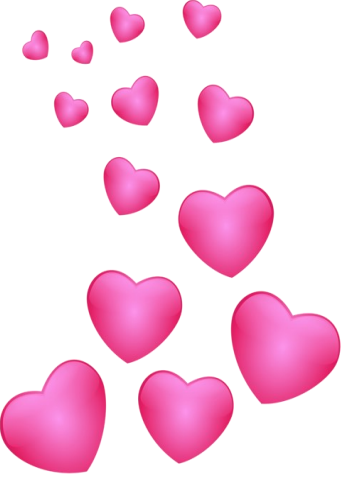
Pattern designed by Daniela Stout of Cozy Creative Center



Christy Sprecco shared her 2019 Fat Quarter BOM Mystery Quilt



Pam Davis shared her beautiful Winter quilt.



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.

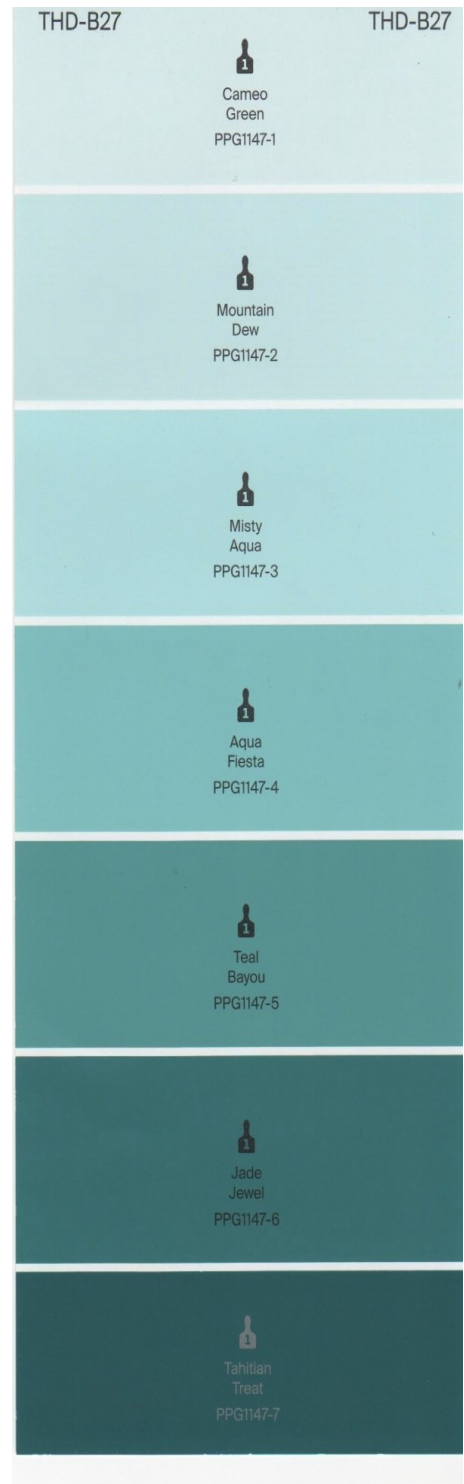
Your quilt must be 18" square or larger.

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

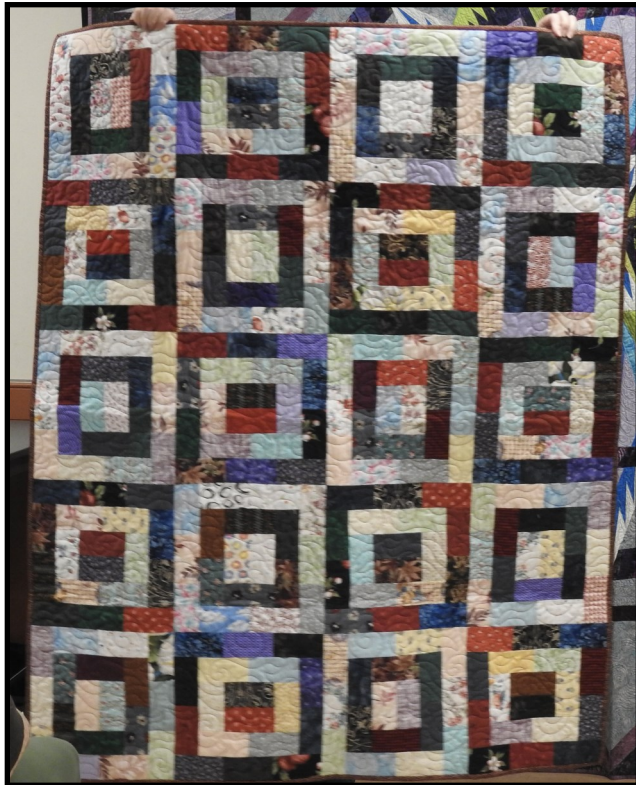
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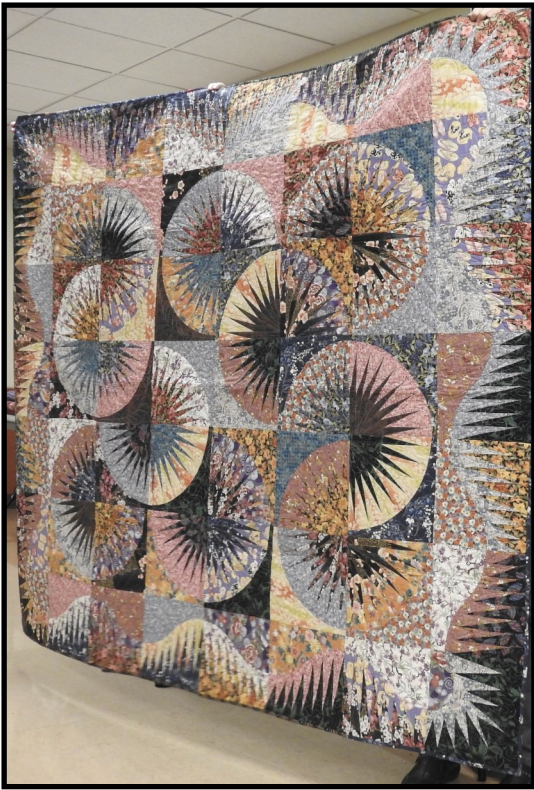




Julie Dale shared her Christmas Angel quilt and a patriotic quilt

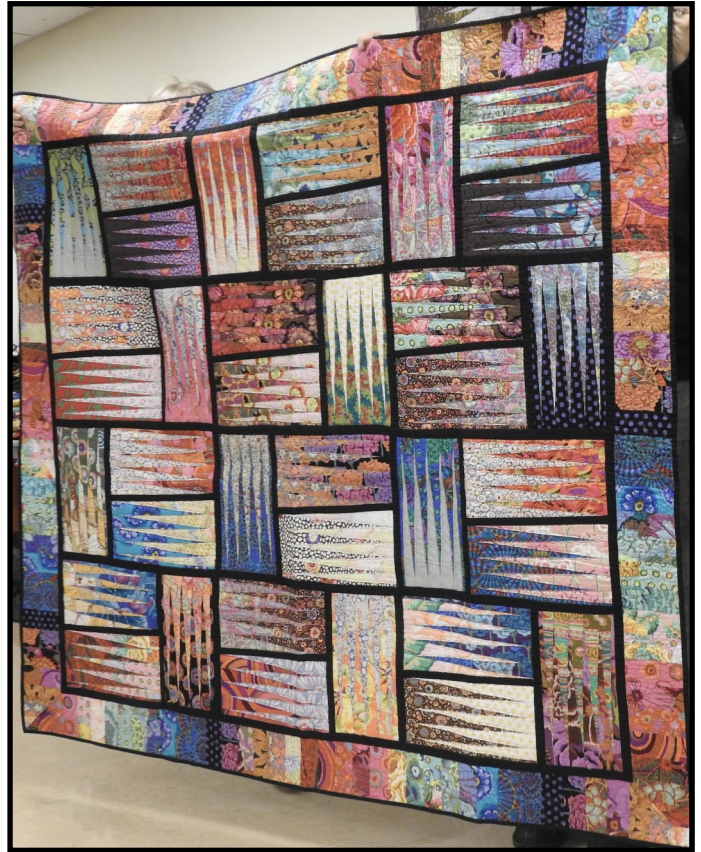
Sandi Delman shared these two charity quilts.





Our speaker, Cindy Meyers, presented a beautiful trunk show and shared her quilting journey.









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