



Needle & Thimble News



President's Message

It's the most wonderful time of the year! December always has so much going on from planning and hosting parties to attending holiday events. Take some time for yourself to relax and regroup. What better way to accomplish that than by quilting—selecting fabrics and a pattern, cutting, piecing, sewing and then layering and quilting. There is such a peaceful rhythm to this hobby of ours.

This Sunday, December 10th, from 10:00am-6:00pm, we'll have our craft tent set up at the Crest Christmas Craft Event at the Crest Clubhouse. It will be fun to try out a different venue. Come by and visit our booth.

Thanks to those that have scoured old newsletters or dug deep into their memory banks to add to Sunshine Quilter's history. We still have a few gaps to complete from 1979(?) to present. So, if you know of past presidents and the years they served, previous meeting places or any other interesting tid-bits of our history that can help us piece together our past, please share.

Don't forget to bring your potluck dish, your fat quarter, and your secret Santa gift to our December 12th meeting. Also bring your completed cuddle quilts for Ronald McDonald House and the Women's Shelter to the December meeting. Oh, and don't forget your wallet or checkbook as vendors who advertise in our newsletter will be set up to tempt you.

Can't wait to see what the new year holds! We have some great speakers lined up and it is not too late to sign up for one of their workshops. We accomplished so much this year and had fun doing so! A huge "thank you" to the fabulous board and committee chairs who helped pull everything together. May you and your loved ones enjoy all the happiness this season can hold.

Lorna Bisson
President





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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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Cuddle Quilt Coordinator		Tanya Althof
Parliamentarian		Kathy Barnes
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Guardian of 2023 Opportunity Quilt/Tickets		Lorna Bisson
Fund Raising (Ways & Means) Committee		
	Fund Raising Committee Member (1)	Jennifer Phillips
	Fund Raising Committee Member (2)	Kathy Manuel
	Fund Raising Committee Member (3)	Kathy Barnes
2024-2025 Opportunity Quilt Planning		Pam Davis
Challenge Coordinator		Jan Hayman
Historian/Meeting Photographer		Jan Hayman
SCCQG Representative		Kathy Manuel
Block of the Month (BOM) Coordinator		Jennifer Phillips
	September BOM	Kathy Manuel
	October BOM	Sandi Delman
	November BOM	Pam Davis
	December BOM	Teresa Wiesendanger
	January BOM	Christy Sprecco
	February BOM	Hallie McCoy
	March BOM	Cecilia Midgette
	April BOM	Jean Zuniga
	May BOM	Gina James
Seasonal Opportunity Quilt Coordinator		Nancy Tinker
	September/October Quilt Donor	Tanya Althof
	November/December Quilt Donor	Cecilia Midgette
	January/February Quilt Donor	Kathy Manuel
	March/April Quilt Donor	Sandi Delman
	May/June Quilt Donor	Sherri Necochea



No Pre-meeting dinner this month since we will be enjoying our Holiday Potluck.

This year we thought it would be fun to Secret Santa. It's open to anyone who would like to participate. Simply bring a wrapped gift. Of something you have made or a \$20.00 limit. We will do a fun exchange during the meeting. Hope you will think this is a fun Idea.

Pam Davis



Calling all Orphans! Would you like to find a home for your orphan blocks? I met John Sedberry of Back Country Leather at Summer's Past. He's a vendor who makes purses and other bags from leather and would like to experiment by using quilt blocks in his creations. I told him I could possibly find blocks for him. If you bring your orphans to me at the December and/or January meetings, I'll see that they find an appreciative home with John.

Thank you, Kathy Barnes



Sunshine Quilters water bottles are still available for the reduced price of \$15, 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 Board Meeting Minutes 11/14/23



We still hope to take the opportunity quilt to Road to California. In order to do so, we have to cover 6 more 2-hour shifts to white glove in the quilt display. We also need to cover the ticket selling table.

The Back in Time Festival went well, the booth was always busy. The community got very engaged in signing the blocks for the charity quilts. There are more to be signed - passed around at meeting. Feel free to grab some blocks to incorporate into cuddle quilts.

The theme of the May 2024 retreat will be "Stars over Temecula". Last chance to change your plans will be early April. At that time, we have to make our final commitment and then no more cancellations will be allowed.

Summers Past Craft Show - we were down in sales a little this year - made about \$1500. Not sure if it was November vs. December. We are confirmed to have a booth at the Crest Community Center December 10th, 10-6. Need volunteers to help staff. Also, Kathy Manuel will get out an inventory of what sold and what's left. We definitely need more Christmas Ornaments for the wooden tree. Everything CAT themed sold very well.

We will have two of our advertisers at our December meeting/potluck. Carrie Wilson from Fabtabulous Backs will be bringing quilt backs for sale. Patty Sprecco will have a table with Mary Kay gift items. Please show support to our loyal advertisers.

We are trying to put together some history on the website. One thing we'd like to gather is a list of all our past presidents and the years they served. Also looking for history on our cuddle quilt donations to the various organizations.

The membership voted to grant Connie Smith, a long-time member board member of various roles, life membership.

Julie Dale won the block of the month - Halloween blocks
Traveling bag winners of the month were: Jo Miller, Debra Broyles and Bonnie Sue Patterson.
Winner of Fall Fat Quarter bundle was Christy Sprecco

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Sprecco



Fat Quarter Drawing

What is a Fat Quarter?

A fat quarter of fabric is a one-fourth yard cut measuring 18" x 22". To create a fat quarter, cut a half-yard of fabric, 18" along the fabric's lengthwise grain, then cut that piece in half at its midpoint. Or you can purchase precuts. Fat quarter fabric should be 100% cotton quilt-shop quality.

How It Works!

Each month there is a theme. At the meeting you place your fat quarter in the Fat Quarter Basket. Your name is entered into the drawing, if eligible. The drawing will be held at the meeting.

Guidelines for Fat Quarter Drawing

1. Bring a fat quarter that coordinates with that month's theme.
2. Your name should be attached to the fat quarter you are submitting.
3. Turn in your fat quarter at the Fat Quarter Basket at the check-in table.
4. Sign in and your name will be entered once in the drawing.
5. The drawing will be held during the meeting.
6. If your name is drawn you win the fat quarters.

TIP: If you are participating in the Fat Quarter Drawing, and do not like a particular color theme for the month, put an 'X' by your name so that your name will not be put in the drawing. We want everyone to be happy with the fat quarters they win.

Fat Quarter Themes for 2023:

September—Polka Dots (WINNER Pam Davis)

October— Black & White

November— Autumn

December – Holiday

January— Bird

February – Hearts

March – St Patrick's/Irish

April – Floral

May – Batiks

June – Solid color

Calling all photographers! I'm looking to refresh photos on the Sunshine Quilters website. Looking for:

- Group photos (maybe we need to do a new one)
- Photos from Workshops
- Photos from retreats
- Panoramic photo of our cuddle quilt displays

Please send to me – I may not use them all at once but trying to update my collection so I can refresh the website.

Thanks.

Christy Sprecco

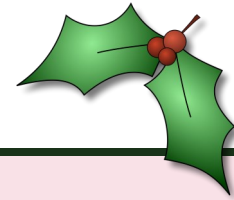




December Birthdays

Candi Ravenscraft	12/05
Kathy Barnes	12/29

Refreshments



Holiday Potluck

Please bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the warmth and fellowship of your quilt friends.

Thank you for your participation!
Doreen Barnhart



Sisterhood of the Traveling Bag

If you received a bag last month, remember to bring it back so that another member can enjoy. If you took something from the bag be sure to replace it with something of similar value.

Carolyn Matthias



Sew Days will start in January on the 4th Friday of the month.
Location to be announced.

I will bring the Winter and Favorite Things to the meetings. If you have questions please give me a call.

Pam Davis



FOR SALE:

Bernina sit down quilting machine. Paid \$10,000 will sacrifice for \$8,000.

Contact Janet Harris at 619-390-5224 for more information.





Marilyn Sidler is enjoying a month-long trip to Japan. She's at the shop of Yoko Saito and enjoyed a trunk presentation by Sensei Shizuka Kuroka. Check out quiltpartyjapan.com for more info.



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**Crest Christmas Craft Show
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Sunday, December 10th
10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Crest Clubhouse
113 N Park Blvd
El Cajon, CA**

**Family event with unique
crafts, raffle, food, and music
Santa arrives 4:00-6:00**

**Interested crafters contact Debbie
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Lauretta Crites entertained us with a trunk show and talked about the Keys to Positive Creativity





Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Speakers and Workshops 2023 – 2024

December 12 –Potluck and Vendors

January 9 – Sunshine member, Wendy Knight, will present a trunk show.

January 13 – Wendy will host a workshop – subject to be determined.

February 13 – Rami Kim will showcase her award-winning pieces. Over the years, she has developed many matching pairs of quilts, bags, and dolls, and will talk about how the same techniques and designs can be incorporated into different projects as wearable arts, quilts, dolls and bags.

February 14 – Rami Kim will host a workshop on the Fifth Dimension. Go beyond traditional 3D. In this technique workshop, you will learn 5 of the exotic and unusual methods that are the trademark of Rami’s works, including hexagon and biscuit chopkey, mirror-imaged continuously folded prairie points, harlequin tucks, North American hand smocking and lined prairie points.



March 2 & 9 – Irene Tucker will conduct a two-day workshop on Crazy Curves.



April 9 – Jenny Lyon will speak on her Tippy Top Tips for Successful and Joyful Free Motion Quilting. It is an informative and engaging discussion of useful tools, products and tips that will enhance your free motion quilting, some of them downright quirky!

April 10 – Jenny will conduct a free motion quilting workshop. You will learn to free motion quilt in a supportive and fun atmosphere. She will bring numerous quilts, photos and samples to illustrate what is taught in class. We will work on 5 beautiful and fun motifs that you can put on your own quilts using your home sewing machine.



Julie Dale was the lucky winner of the October BOM's



SHARING



Pam Davis shared two completed UFO's
Snowman Stitchery and Christmas Churn Dash
Also, Call of the Wild





Karen Collin—Yorkshire Treasure



Doreen Barnhart—Rose Pillow Sham



Jo Miller made a table runner using the technique taught by Laretta Crites.



Lorna Bisson—First Crawl



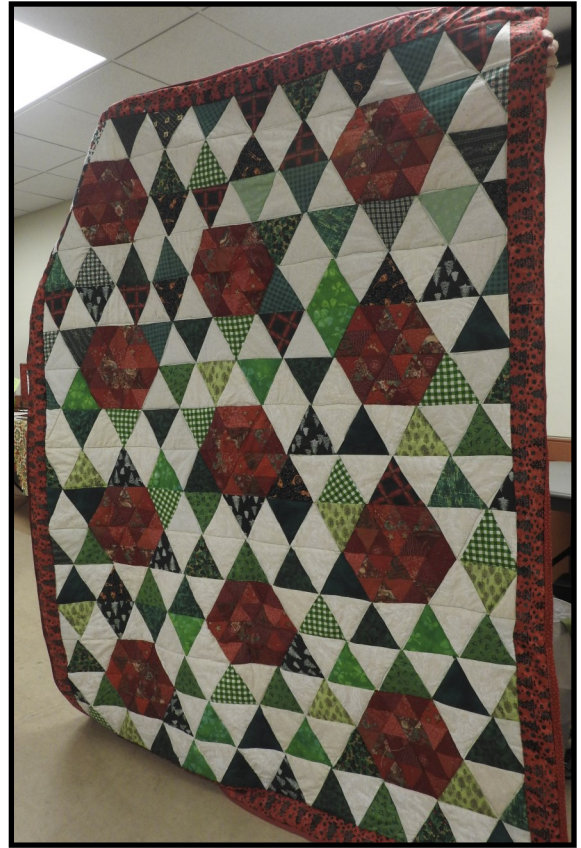
Tanya Althof shared a Tiger quilt for her grandson and a Christmas quilt

Hallie McCoy shared her Idaho themed row by row quilt



Christy Sprecco shared "Crossroads" and her Cat quilt



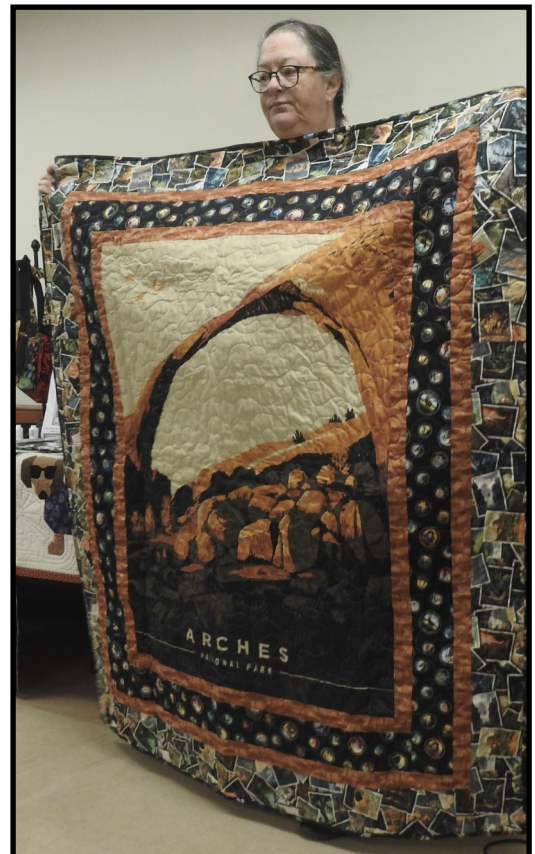


Julie Dale shared a scrappy quilt and a Christmas quilt

Tamera Schneidmiller shared a Park themed quilt she made for a friend



Janet Harris shared a pretty blue & green quilt





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