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President's Message

Welcome back to a new year of Sunshine Quilt Guild my quilting friends!

I hope you all had a joyful summer break and enjoyed making wonderful quilts and sewing projects. We had a great turn out for the sew-ins this summer. It was so fun to get together and sew with our guild members and guests!

I'm excited to begin our new year – our officers have been busy lining up some wonderful speakers and workshops. In fact – we have a speaker, Jeff Warner, for our first meeting – so the Ice Cream Social will be held in October. There is even a workshop being held by Jeff, who specializes in Bargello Quilts, and will be teaching a variation of this quilt style - so sign up and expand your quilting repertoire.

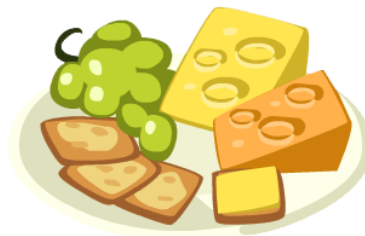
I want to encourage everyone to invite a friend to attend guild with you, to share your creations, take part in the activities and enjoy the fellowship of being with creative, caring friends. I am looking forward to being with everyone at our September Meeting, Let's make this an Exciting Guild year!

Jo Miller
President

REFRESHMENTS

Could we please have at least three members bring refreshments for the September meeting? I will send around a sign up sheet for future meetings.

Thank you,
Sherri Necochea





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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



Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Positions 2024-2025		
Position		
President		Jo Miller
1st Vice President		Kathy Barnes
2nd Vice President		Christy Sprecco
Secretary		Sandi Delman
Treasurer		Kathy Manuel
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	Membership Assistant	Sandi Miller
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Fund Raising (Ways & Means) Committee		
	Fund Raising Committee Member (1)	Lorna Bisson
	Fund Raising Committee Member (2)	
	Fund Raising Committee Member (3)	
2024-2025 Opportunity Quilt Planning		Pam Davis/Karen Collin
Challenge Coordinator		Jane St John
Historian/Meeting Photographer		Kelly Kufa
SCCQG Representative		Lorna Bisson
Block of the Month (BOM) Coordinator		Hallie McCoy
	September BOM	Teresa Wiesendanger
	October BOM	Jo Miller
	November BOM	Sandi Delman
	December BOM	Jean Zuniga
	January BOM	Pam Davis
	February BOM	Hallie McCoy
	March BOM	Nancy Tinker
	April BOM	Gina James
	May BOM	Marilyn Sidler
Seasonal Opportunity Quilt Coordinator		Jennifer Phillips
	September/October Quilt Donor	Jean Zuniga
	November/December Quilt Donor	Tanya Althof
	January/February Quilt Donor	Pam Davis
	March/April Quilt Donor	Sherri Necochea
	May/June Quilt Donor	Arlene Watters

Happy 45th Birthday
Sunshine Members!

I still have my membership
pin and of course my very
Special Presidents Quilt!

How I wish I were there
in the flesh to help you to
celebrate. But I will be
there in spirit on June 11th.
It's hard to believe Sunshine
has been around for 45 years.
However, I remember how this
quilt was the first official
quilt in San Diego. Its
members were so dedicated
and hard working. I know
it is still that way.
Next visit to "home" I'd like
to come see you all. Until
then ~ Quilt On!
Sharon Heidigh



Sunshine Opportunity Quilt 2000.
Hand Appliqued Cats



Dinner with the Speaker

Hacienda Casa Blanca

700 N. Johnson, El Cajon

5:00pm

Please let Pam Davis know if you are planning
to attend.

All are welcome!





Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Meeting Minutes June 11, 2024

Christy Sprecco welcomed everyone on behalf of Lorna who was unable to attend. We welcomed former member and Past President Maggie McKarrow who joined us for the birthday party celebrating Sunshine Quilters 45th year.

Christy read the birthday card and message from past president Sharon Neidigh which will also be submitted for the newsletter, along with some photos she sent.

Following a delicious pot luck dinner and birthday cake, the business continued:

Review of the 2024-2025 Board of Director Nominees and Committee chairs. Sandi Miller moved to accept the new board and committees. Jo Miller seconded. All approved. The board will be:

President - Jo Miller

First VP - Kathy Barnes

Second VP - Christy Sprecco

Treasurer - Kathy Manuel

Secretary - Sandi Delman

The 2024-2025 budget was also reviewed and put to vote. Jo Miller moved to approve, Kathy Barnes seconded. All approved, budget was approved.

The UFO Challenged was completed and there was a 3-way tie for having completed all 9 quilts: Christy Sprecco, Pam Davis and Sandi Delman. Sandi Delman also won the random drawing. Gift certificates to Rosie's were awarded.

The guild received a donation of fabric and quilting supplies from the estate of Peggy Williamson. We have sorted through it and will have a table at the October meeting of some items members might like to buy. There are also some unfinished projects that might be good for the craft sale that we will bring. Fabric will be added to the cuddle quilt stash.

One of the kits donated by Peggy's family was the actual kit for the project we had selected for the 2025 opportunity quilt. The kit has been turned over to Pam Davis and Karen Collin who will organize the project.

Quilts will be taken to the Ronald MacDonald House in June. Anyone with quilts please get them to Lorna.

Watch emails for info on the summer sew in.

Thanks for all the kits for the fair. We will report back on the success of this effort. We will be taking the opportunity quilt to sell tickets as well.

June meeting winners:

Block of the month - Kathy Manuel

Seasonal Opportunity Quilt - Jo Miller

Annual Opportunity Quilt - Hallie McCoy

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Sprecco



MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

TOP TEN REASONS TO JOIN SUNSHINE QUILTERS OF SAN DIEGO:

- Inspiring speakers that are sure to challenge, encourage and give you great new ideas!
- Workshops at reduced membership rates!
- Two free guest passes!
- Library of quilting books always at your fingertips!
- Secret Pal possibilities!
- Free cookies and desserts!
- Door prizes, potlucks and auctions!
- A place to show off your projects to people who can REALLY appreciate all your hard work!
- New quilting friends!
- 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 ROAD, SPC 43
LAKESIDE, CA 92040

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Thank You

Thank you, Sunshine Quilters, for this beautiful quilt. I remember when we made this Block of the Month. I had so much fun working with you these last couple years doing what we all love to do—quilting!

I wish I could have been at the June meeting to celebrate our 45 years as a guild. My husband had a cancer scare. Surgery was recommended and, unfortunately, the date coincided with our meeting. The good news is that it was not cancer. Woohoo!

Here's to 45 more years!

Lorna



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Cuddle Quilts

I'll have lots of Cuddle Quilt kits available at the meeting. There will be some 3-yard kits, some from favorite familiar patterns and some new patterns. Each kit includes a pattern, fabric for the top and binding and a label. Batting and backs will be available.

Do you prefer quilting but not piecing? Or the other way around? We can work together on this. Let me know if you can take tops to complete.

Batting and backing might be oversized to fit the bigger quilts. I'll be happy to take fabric and batting scraps off your hands.

Thanks for all the rail fence signature blocks. We had so much fun at the SD Fair letting people "decorate" the blocks. You should see the dad jokes that people wrote on the blocks! Priceless!

**Please wash the finished quilt before turning it in. Some of the fabric is a little musty smelling. **

Link to free 3-yard quilts: <https://sewcanshe.com/free-quilt-patterns-for-easy-3-yard-quilts/>

Link to knit or crochet blanket: <https://www.projectlinus.org/patterns.php>

Thanks, Lorna



Sunshine Quilters UFO Club 2024-2025

A UFO can be any sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting, painting, etc. project that you started but got put on the back burner and you didn't finish it. We do allow finished tops that you plan to pass on to Cuddle Quilts for others to quilt to count as a finished UFO. However, since quilting and binding a quilt often takes so much longer than making a top, 3 unfinished tops will count as one UFO entry. A maximum of 3 entries will be allowed per monthly drawing. Confused??? Here are some examples:

You finish 3 quilts and crocheted a blanket: you are allowed 3 entries into the drawing.

You finish 6 Cuddle Quilt tops: you are allowed 2 entries into the drawing.

You finish 3 Cuddle Quilt tops plus 2 quilts: you are allowed 3 entries into the drawing.

Join the UFO Club for \$10. Each month will be a drawing for \$10.

Each month, members have the opportunity to grow their 'stash' by participating in a fun exchange of fat quarter fabric. The drawing will be held at the meeting.

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.

Guidelines for Fat Quarter Drawing

- Bring a fat quarter that coordinates with that month's theme.
- Turn in your fat quarter at the Fat Quarter Basket at the Welcome table.
- Your name will be entered once in the drawing.
- The drawing will be held during the meeting.
- 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, don't add your name to the basket. We want everyone to be happy with the fat quarters they win.

Fat Quarter Themes for 2024-2025

Sep – animals
Oct – Halloween prints
Nov – 30's
Dec – grunge
Jan – tone-on-tone neutrals
Feb – batiks
Mar – Kaffe/Free Spirit/Tula
Apr – floral
May – homespun/plaids
Jun – low volume backgrounds

September Birthdays

Debra Broyles 9/22
Hallie McCoy 9/09
Teresa Wiesendanger 9/14



From Marilyn Sidler:
Here is a website you might be interested in.

<https://www.battingsupersale.com/>

Sunshine Quilters' Retreat
May 8 – 11, 2025
Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center
39300 DePortola Rd.
Temecula, CA 92592-8758



It's time to start planning our next retreat! Membership benefit early sign up period: Sept 1 - Oct 31. Starting Nov. 1, non guild members can sign up too. Hand me or 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 8) with dinner as your first meal.
Room check out is at 9:00 am SUNDAY (May 11) 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.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Sunshine Quilters of San Diego

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

NAME: _____

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EMAIL: _____

PHONE#: _____

ROOM MATE: _____ Do you wake up early? Y N Stay up late? Y N

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4 Days/ 3 Nights		3 Days/2 Night	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Single Occupancy	\$745.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Occupancy	\$530.00
Day Commuters (may come if workroom space is available) Daily Rate \$25.00 plus \$22 per meal			

Circle days you will attend: Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

A \$100.00 deposit holds your spot - FULL PAYMENT DUE BY April 8, 2025
 After April 8th, spots and deposits can be rolled over to new attendee only.

Installment payments are happily accepted. As few or as many that work best for you.

DID YOU NOTICE??

Our first speaker, Jeff Warner was only available in September so his workshop is **September 14th** – just over two weeks away!! If you'd like to attend this unique workshop, please contact me, Kathy Barnes, at 619-916-9760 as soon as possible. I'll have class instructions and the supply list at Guild night on Sept 10th.
THANK YOU!

September 14, 2024 Workshop: Jeff Warner's Kaleidoscope Bargello

This workshop will be held from 9:00am to 3pm, location TBD Cost: \$40



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Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Calendar, Speakers and Workshops 2024 – 2025

September 10, 2024 Lecture: Jeff Warner will be presenting "The Shape of Bargello." (Wikipedia explains that Bargello is a type of needlework laid in a mathematical pattern to create motifs. It usually uses many hues of one color, producing intricate shading effects and is naturally geometric.)

Jeff Warner grew up in the City of Orange and has been sewing for 38 years. Entirely self-taught, he began by taking his clothes apart and using the pieces as patterns on new fabric. In 1991, he caught the quilt bug, and turned his attention away from clothing and into quilt making. Jeff has worked as a theatrical lighting designer since the early nineties and has used his sewing skills to create scenery and set decoration for the stage. In 2002, he changed gears and began creating custom leather clothing, bags and accessories under the label L2Leather. In 2013, he came back to quilting with new ideas for an old style. Jeff specializes in Bargello quilts and has published two patterns featuring his Kaleidoscope Bargello style.

September 14, 2024 Workshop: Jeff Warner's Kaleidoscope Bargello



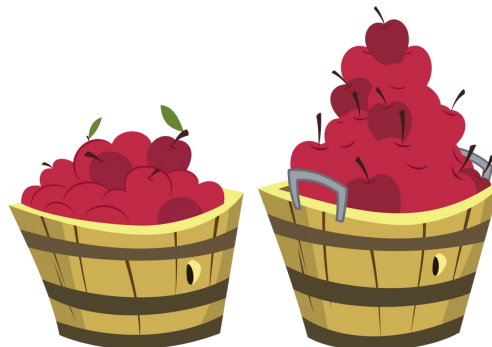
We will be using Jeff's block-based Kaleidoscope Bargello pattern.

The 18 1/2" hexagon block is made from six (6) identical Triangular-ish blocks of Bargello piecing. We'll make one (1) hexagon block as a placemat or a candle mat. Multiple blocks can be used to create a table runner, a lap quilt or a bed-sized quilt.

October 8, 2024 Ice Cream Social: (changed from September due to speaker, Jeff's availability.) Our new president, Jo Miller, will share a few words and present This year's board. We'll hear what exciting programs and opportunities are in store for us this year from our new committee chair [women](#).

November 12, 2024 Lecture: Comedian Katsy Chappell will entertain us for the evening's "lecture!"

December 10, 2024 Potluck night! Our advertisers will have displays and there's a possibility of an auction and/or other items for sale.



January 14, 2025 Lecture: Peter Chang, new owner of Cozy Creative Center, will talk about his adventures on becoming a quilt store owner – and possibly bringing a special guest with him.

January 18, 2025 FEATHERWEIGHT MAINTENANCE Workshop: Tom Griesgraber an expert Featherweight technician will show us how to care for and maintain our individual Featherweight machines. Tom will be available from 10-2 and afterward we can work on our own projects using our newly adjusted machines.

February 11, 2025 Lecture: Pam Davis - our very own Pam Davis will present a trunk show featuring her Kim Diehl quilts and share some inside secrets.

March 11, 2025 Lecture: Sue Bouchard has been sewing since she was four and quilting since she was twelve. She loves to design and make modern quilts which are influenced by traditional designs. Her passion is teaching and inspiring others. Sue has taught at many Quilt Guilds, International Festivals and Craftfairs throughout the world. She'll share with you her journey and insights discovered by finding solace in her sewing room. Explore ways to combine styles, techniques and colors to create your own one-of-a-kind quilts. Special emphasis is the use of directional fabrics for effective design elements. Over 35 samples will inspire you!

March 15, 2025: Workshop: "Moon Dance" by Sue Bouchard



Combining Triangle in a Square patches with Pieced Triangle Squares gives the illusion of curves without any curved piecing. The Stars are brought together with Quarter Square patches. Your patchwork will dance across the Background!

Kits - \$60 includes all fabrics, pattern and templates to complete the quilt top including the Binding. 32" x 42"

April 8, 2025 Lecture: Christy Sprecco – our very own Christy Sprecco will share her quilting journey and show generational quilts along with some of her own.

May 13, 2025: Challenge Reveal

June 10, 2025: Year End Potluck





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