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## Needle & Thimble News



### President's Message

As I gathered with friends & family to share a loved made meal, expressed our thankfulness for what we have, what we lost, our joy of being together, as well as our hopes for Christmas (and the New Year to come) - I sincerely hope all of our guild members also enjoyed a wonderful meal and time with those they love!

I love this time of year - where the air has a chill, decorations spilling out of boxes to be placed on the tree - and of course the wonderful aroma of cinnamon, spices, vanilla.....I love making Christmas cookies, cakes & candy.

Friendly reminder that we will be hosting a booth at the Summers Past Farms Craft Fair - Please come by to support our guild by helping in the booth or by shopping! Many goodies for gift giving! I want to express my heart felt thanks to all our members and our guild board/officers for everything you ALL do to make our guild an inviting and fun-loving guild that we are! I truly believe we have the most caring, kind and creative people in OUR guild! THANK YOU!

Don't forget sign up for our Guild Retreat and our upcoming workshops! January is Featherweight Maintenance with Tom Griesgraber, March we will be making the Moon Dance quilt with Sue Bouchard. I want to continue to encourage everyone to invite a friend to attend guild with you, to share your creations, take part in guild activities and enjoy the fellowship & inspiration of being with fellow quilters.

Looking forward to being with everyone at our December Meeting!

Jo Miller  
President



### Cuddle Quilts

We collected 33 Cuddle Quilts in November! Thank you!

Cuddle Quilt kits and batting will be available at the meeting. Please add a label to your finished quilt. \*\*Please wash the finished quilt before turning it in. Some of the fabric is a little musty smelling. \*\* If you would like to come "shop" our cuddle quilt fabrics to design your own cuddle quilt please let me know.

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>

EXTRA WIDE QUILTING FABRICS BY THE YARD

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## POTLUCK

Yea! Christmas Dinner! Please remember to bring a dish to share and a utensil to dish it up with, if need be. Food will be set up in the kitchen, dinner tables as usual. If you would like to help set up, and it would be appreciated, please arrive about 6 pm. This is always a fun get together so hope we have a full house.

Thank you,  
Sherri Necochea



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](http://www.Sunshinequilters.com)

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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
Door Prizes/Traveling Bags		Carolyn Mathias
Membership		Pam Davis
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Cuddle Quilt Coordinator		Lorna Bisson
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Meeting Room Manager		Kathy Manuel
Retreat Coordinator		Karen Collin
Secret Pal Coordinator		Janet Harris
Guardian of Opportunity Quilt/Tickets		Kathy Manuel
Fund Raising (Ways & Means) Committee		
	Fund Raising Committee Member (1)	Lorna Bisson
	Fund Raising Committee Member (2)	Teresa Wiesendanger
	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



## 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



Comedian, Katsy Chappell, kept us laughing and entertained with her creative, recycled items and quilts .







## Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Meeting Minutes November 12, 2024

- Christy Sprecco opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Jo Miller was not in attendance.
- Christy Sprecco discussed the Back in Time Event held in the Gas Lamp District on 11/3. A good event that brought in lots of signed community blocks.
- Katsy Chappell presentation.
- Pam Davis announced guests and returning members.
- Pam Davis shared her special quilt “Mama Said” and what the Special Quilt activity is about. She also presented a sign-up sheet for those wanting to participate.
- Lorna Bison requested membership to purchase a canopy for outside events. Vote passed.
- Lorna Bison gathered items for Summers Past Farms Craft Show along with a sign-up sheet for volunteering for the event. Event to be held 12/7 and 12/8.
- Lorna Bison discussed needing assistance on pricing items for the Spring Craft event. Members who know more about the particular items would have a better idea on a reasonable price to ask.
- Sandi Delman offered November BOM.
- Pam Davis and Karen Collin need more help to finish 2025-2026 Opportunity Quilt.
- Kathy Barnes discussed upcoming speakers.
- Kathy Barnes announced Sew In on 11/23 in the large conference room at the Lakeside Library from 10 to 2.
  
- Sheri Necochea discussed the Pot Luck at December’s meeting will be bring your own dish to share.
- Pam Davis announced there would be no before meeting dinner at the December meeting since there will be a Pot Luck.
  
- Pam Davis talked about the Secret Santa activity.
- Karen Collin discussed the Retreat. 19 are presently signed up; with a ceiling of 24.
- Christy Sprecco, Arlene Watters, Karen Collin, Debbie Lucas, Doreen Barnhart, Tamara Schneidmiller, Lorna Bison,
- Nancy Tinker, Hallie McCoy, and Candi Ravenscraft brought projects to share.
- Janet Harris and Teresa Wiesendanger winners for November Traveling Bag.
- Debbie Lucas won FQ Swap.
- Lorna Bison, Jean Zuniga, Christy Sprecco, and Jennifer Phillips won October BOM.
- Candi Ravenscraft won \$10 prize for 2024-2025 UFO project.
- December meeting 12/10

Respectfully submitted by Sandi Delman



## 2025 Sunshine Challenge

Create a quilt that reflects an idiom phrase or inspiration from the provided list that reflects something about you. Use your own fabric and make a quilt that is at least 18 x 18". It will be due at the May 2025 meeting. There will be cash prizes and members will vote on 1) Best use of the inspiration phrase, 2) most creative, 3) best technique. Cost is \$5, sign up and pay Jane St. John at a meeting.

Phrases are:

- On the fence
- A dime a dozen
- All ears
- All in the same boat
- Barking up the wrong tree
- Beat around the bush
- Cutting corners
- Bury the hatchet
- Face the music
- Get the ball rolling
- In the heat of the moment
- A fish out of water
- Make a long story short
- Skeletons in the closet
- Best of both worlds
- Through thick and thin
- Go with the flow
- Show your true colors
- Get your wires crossed
- Between a rock and a hard place
- Get bent out of shape
- Color outside the lines
- Icing on the cake



### Sunshine Quilters UFO Club 2024-25

Congratulations to the October winner – Oh my gosh!! Janet Harris! You are so lucky!!

Do you have projects that need finishing? It's never too late to join the club. All you need is \$10 to join for the year and some completed and labeled UFOs.

A reminder of how this works...

A UFO can be any sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting, painting, etc. project that you started and would like to finally finish. We 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.

Reminder that if you would like to participate in Secret Santa this year, please bring a wrapped gift, handmade or spend no more than \$30.00. We will play a gift exchange game, which should be fun. Contact Pam Davis if you have questions.



Pam Davis provided her "Mama Said" quilt to share during the meeting as well as the center of next year's opportunity quilt. She is still looking for members to assist in making more parts of this beauty.





## FAT QUARTER FUN

### 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—Christy Sprecco

Oct – Halloween prints—Sherri Necochea

Nov – 30's— Debbie Lucas

#### **Dec – Grunge**

Jan – Tone-on-tone neutrals

Feb – Batiks

Mar – Kaffe/Free Spirit/Tula

Apr – Floral

May – Homespun/plaids

Jun – Low volume backgrounds



### December Birthdays

Kathy Barnes	12/29
Candi Ravenscraft	12/5



## Sunshine Quilters Craft Sale at Summers Past Farms

**Saturday-Sunday December 7 & 8, 2024      9:00am-3:00pm**

Okay, we are down to the wire. I'll collect completed items for the Craft Fair at the November meeting. We'll set up a time to drop off more sale items and to price everything as we get closer to the big day. (Though feel free to price your items.) I still have a few kits for Christmas themed quilts. I'll bring these to the meeting so we can hopefully get these last few done prior to the Craft Sale. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with setting up, staffing the booth for the two days and for take down.

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

**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.

**ALSO January 14th Tommie DQ will be available to sharpen scissors.**

Tommie comes highly recommended and has sharpened scissors for the Old Globe Theater costume department and for hair stylists. He has a mobile unit, but would like a count (if possible) of who will be bringing what. Please let me (Kathy Barnes) know if you're thinking of using his service. He charges a maximum of \$24 a pair – including pinking shears. Smaller ones may be less. If there are several he'll bag them, take them home and then deliver all to one person.

**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 Craftours 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**

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

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

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

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

**ROOM MATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ Do you wake up early? Y N Stay up late? Y N

**Special Room or Dietary Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

4 Days/ 3 Nights		3 Days/2 Night	
[ ] Double Occupancy	\$545.00	[ ] Double Occupancy	\$380.00
[ ] Single Occupancy	\$745.00	[ ] 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.**





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THE PEANUTS GANG

It's not what's under the tree...  
It's who's around it that counts.



## SCCQG News

{Christy and I are participating, anyone else? I will probably be able to deliver quilts in January.}

### Road to California Quilters Conference January 22-25, 2025

Call for **Entries SCCQG 2025 Special Exhibit "Tradition with a Twist"** - This exhibit will display how quilters take a "traditional" pattern, give it "a twist," and create an interesting new work. Group and individual made quilts accepted for consideration. Quilts of all styles and techniques are welcome so long as they fit the requirements below.

Entry requirements are as follows (please read carefully):

The quilt must have been finished in 2023/2025 and be in good condition.

Size constraint: perimeter should not be larger than 240" overall and no smaller than 60" overall. Items that don't meet this criteria may be accepted and may be folded for display purposes. 40-48" width is preferred to help with displaying quilts.

Embellishments must not protrude more than 1/2" from the surface of the quilt.

The quilt must be made of fabric and quilted either by hand, or machine, or both.

It must be constructed of three layers and bound or closed around all quilt edges.

Quilt/hanging must have an attached 4" hanging sleeve (basted or safety pins allowed).

Entrant must be a current member of an SCCQG Member Guild or an Affiliate member.

Enter by email. Entries must include a separate digital **jpeg** photo named as follows: entrant's last name\_ (underscore)name of quilt\_(underscore)guild initials.jpeg. For example: "Weber\_chubby\_LBMQG.jpeg" Each entry must have a short paragraph describing how the entry is a twist on a traditional pattern. (The Exhibit curator reserves editing rights.)

### Timetable

**December 14, 2024 (Saturday) All entry forms and photos due.**

Entries need to include a current email address for confirmation of receipt.) See instructions above.

**December 28, 2024** Notification will be e-mailed by this date. Accepted entries will receive instructions for quilt shipment. Entrants will be responsible for all shipping and insurance costs. All entries are required to have a 4" hanging sleeve. Sleeves may be basted or safety pinned in place. Entries must be in a cloth bag or pillowcase with entrant's name and phone number.

**January 15, 2025** Deadline for receipt of exhibit quilts. Accepted quilts must be received by the SCCQG Road2CA Curator (Kate Weber) for exhibition.

**January 22-25, 2025** Quilts will be displayed as part of the SCCQG "Stitching a Community Together" Exhibit at Road to California, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, California.

**January 25 – February 15, 2025** Quilts will be returned according to prior arrangements. Unclaimed quilts will be donated to a charity.

**Entries and Questions:** [SCCQGRD2CA@gmail.com](mailto:SCCQGRD2CA@gmail.com)

SCCQG and Road reserve the right to reject quilts not suitable for hanging.



Christy Sprecco shared a couple cuddle quilts.





## March 15<sup>th</sup> Workshop Information

The guild charges \$40 for workshop attendance (same for members and non-members.) March 15<sup>th</sup>'s workshop "Moon Dance" by Sue Bouchard has an addition charge of \$60. payable to Sue for a kit. **The kit includes all fabrics, pattern and templates to complete the quilt top including the Binding. 32" x 42"** The total cost to attend the "Moon Dance" workshop is \$40 to the guild and \$60 to Sue Bouchard (\$100 total) Perhaps a bit pricy – but it does include all you need to complete the project top. Thank you for your understanding, Kathy Barnes, 1<sup>st</sup> VP



## Dull Scissors??

**January 14th Tommie DQ will be available to sharpen scissors.** Tommie comes highly recommended, is very experienced and has sharpened scissors for the Old Globe Theater costume department and for hair stylists. He has a mobile unit, but would like a count (if possible) of who will be bringing what. Please let me know if you're thinking of using his service (Kathy Barnes - # in directory.) Tommie charges a maximum of \$24 a pair – including pinking shears. Smaller ones may be less, he'll let you know. If there are many jobs that night he'll bag the scissors with your name, take them home to sharpen and then deliver all to one person at one time (probable me.) The count is just an estimate – it won't bind you one way or the other. Call me if you have any questions. Kathy Barnes



Arlene Watters with  
two cuddle quilts





Arlene Watters lovely project "Canyon Road"



Karen Collin shared a Halloween Mystery Quilt and another lovely project





Debbie Lucas shared two cuddle quilts and ( I think ) she is helping with Nancy Tinker's King size quilt.



Doreen Barnhart shared a UFO cuddle quilt







Tamara Schneidmiller shared three gift quilts.







Candi Ravenscraft shared three cuddle quilts







Hallie McCoy has been busy. She shared five cuddle quilts.







Lorna Bisson shared three  
cuddle quilts







Lorna Bisson, Christy Sprecco and Jean Zuniga were the lucky winners of the "Turkey Trot" BOM's





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