



SUNSHINE  
QUILTERS OF  
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## Needle & Thimble News



### President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR QUILTING FRIENDS!

I've never been one to make New Year's Resolutions.....however, I do have goals, dreams and aspirations. I especially want to acknowledge and thank the new members who have joined our guild!

My primary goal as guild president is to ensure our guild continues to thrive and to serve our membership as best as I can! That includes good stewardship of our funds, making sure we provide our members opportunities for fellowship as well as providing encouragement, inspiration, and enhancement of our quilting skills through various speakers, workshops, blocks of the month's, quilt challenges and of course having our members share what they have created.

I am so proud of our guild - we had a very successful fund raising even at Summer's Past Farm Craft Fair. Kathy Manuel (our treasurer) will provide the actual amount raised.

**Thank you everyone** who contributed items to sell and for attending to the fair by setting up/tearing down, manning the table and encouraging the selling of our opportunity quilt.

Our board has worked hard to set up some workshops (be sure to sign up), sit & sews, speakers, and our annual retreat. Peter Chang - the new owner of Cozy Creative Center will be our speaker this month.

The workshop of this month is on Maintaining-Caring for your Featherweight Sewing Machine - with Tom Griesgraber. Remember to:

- Finish and bring the Block of the Month - the pinwheels are so cute!
- The Fat Quarter Drawing theme for January: Tones on Tone
- Completed UFO's
- Items/Quilts for sharing

2025 is not only a new year, but a new decade - my hope is that this year will be one of healing, happiness.... with boundless creativity and the time to enjoy our love of quilting & sewing!

Happy New Year,  
Sincerely,  
Jo Miller, President



### Cuddle Quilts

We collected 9 Cuddle Quilts in December! Thank you! We have 51 cuddle quilts total. I will be taking them to the Ronald Mc Donald House this month. Please bring finished and labeled cuddle quilts to add to our total.

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

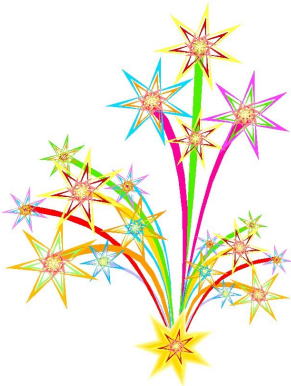
## Fantabulous Backs



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

## REFRESHMENTS

The providers of our lovely snacks for the January 2025 🎉 meeting are:

Debbie Lucus  
Karen Collin  
Tanya Althof  
Sandi Delman



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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
	Membership Assistant	Sandi Miller
Cuddle Quilt Coordinator		Lorna Bisson
Parliamentarian		Kathy Barnes
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	Assistant Editor	Carol Santos
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Website		Christy Sprecco
Advertising		Tamara Schneidmiller
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Hospitality/Refreshments		Sherri Necochea
Directory		Kathy Manuel
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



### Pre-Meeting Dinner

I have been asked if we could try a different place for dinner. We will be trying out **Applebee's** for dinner, 107 Fletcher Parkway. It is right by Texas Roadhouse. They do not take reservations, so this month it will be very important to let me know if you will be planning on joining us for dinner.

Dinner is at 5:00 pm.

Thanks

Pam Davis



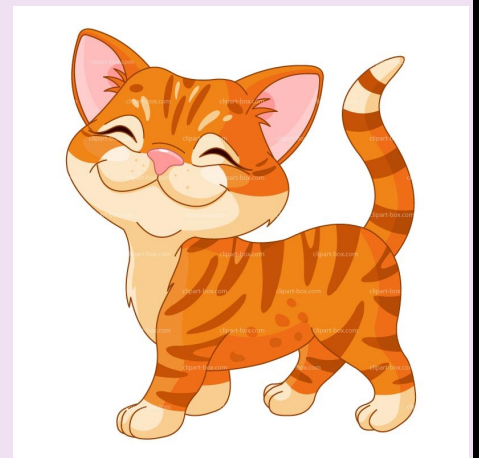




## Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Meeting Minutes December 10, 2024

- ◆ Jo Miller opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Thanking Sherri Necochea and others for setting up the room.
- ◆ Jo Miller invited everyone to eat from the Pot Luck.
- ◆ Kathy Manuel announced profits of nearly \$2K from the Summers Past Craft Event.
- ◆ Jo Miller announced one guest who found out about Sunshine by way of Summers Past Craft Fair Event.
- ◆ Jean Zuniga shared December BOM.
- ◆ Fantabulous Backs and Mary Kay had tables to offer their products.
- ◆ Kathy Barnes shared upcoming presentations and workshops.
- ◆ Spring Craft Event to be held on 4/26/25. Hopefully can set up on 4/25/25.
- ◆ About 10 members had sharing.
- ◆ Sandi Miller won Bimonthly Opportunity quilt.
- ◆ Kathy Barnes won FQ Swap.
- ◆ Julie Dale, Doreen Barnhart, and Jo Miller were winners for December Traveling Bags.
- ◆ Karen Collin won November BOM.
- ◆ Lorna Bisson won \$10 prize for 2024-2025 UFO Project.
- ◆ Pam Holt and Sandi Miller won the Holiday Raffle Baskets.
- ◆ About 15 members participated in the Secret Santa Game/Gift Exchange.
- ◆ January meeting 1/14/25

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 December winner - Lorna Bisson!

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 UFOs.

# Featherweight Maintenance Workshop

with Tom Griesgraber

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

**10 am – 3 pm**

Location: Lakefront MHP Community Room, 9395 Harritt Rd, Lakeside, 92040

Cost: \$40

Bring:

- Your Featherweight sewing machine
- Machine oil
- Small lint brush
- Small screw driver (small enough to remove your needle plate)
- Canned air to blow away lint
- Paper towel or something to put your tools & oil can on (optional)
- Project to work on if we finish maintenance work early

Tom says to wait to see what he uses before buying something and he'll bring some belts.



## **Bring Your Dull Scissors to next Meeting!!**

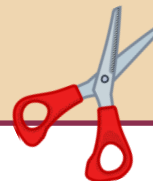
### **January 14th Tommie DQ will be available to sharpen scissors.**

Tommie comes highly recommended, is very experienced and has sharpened scissors for (among a long list of others) The Old Globe Theater costume department and for many hair stylists.

Because of the interest there will probably be too many pair for Tommie to sharpen in one night so the process will be:

- Put your scissors in an envelope (he recommends a free priority USPO envelope – which I will have on hand Tuesday night)
- Write your name and phone # on a card (I will have 3x5 cards available also)
- Pay \$24 per pair (or ask if you have a question about yours because it may be less) He takes cash, check or Venmo.
- He'll take them all home to sharpen (having your phone number in case he has a question.)
- After all are sharpened he'll mail them all to me in one box and I'll distribute at the February meeting – unless you wish to pick yours up early and arrange to meet me somewhere.

Contact me with any questions – Kathy Barnes



## 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—Kathy Barnes

**Jan – Tone-on-tone neutrals**

Feb – Batiks

Mar – Kaffe/Free Spirit/Tula

Apr – Floral

May – Homespun/plaids

Jun – Low volume backgrounds



### January Birthdays

Tanya Althof 1/5



Looking for your suggestions on programs for the 2025-2026 guild year. Please call, email or text any suggestions for topics and/or speakers. Also any workshops.

Are there guild members who would like to do a trunk show of your quilts? We do love seeing our own members work. Perhaps there are two or more who have worked on same projects that you'd like to share? I know I enjoyed seeing the differences in the same quilts when Sandi and Kerri did a show several years back.

Reach out to me or chat with me at one of our meetings. Hoping to have something for everyone!

Christy Sprecco  
Contact info in the directory



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

**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 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**

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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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.**



## Patty Sprecco

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### Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds Updates

Next SCCQG Quarterly meeting - January 11, 2025

Our meeting topic in January will be Quilt Guild Money Matters. We will cover fiscal issues, forms, and documents pertinent to quilt guilds. This is always a popular meeting and a meeting that all Presidents and Treasurers should attend!

Mountain Fire Victims - Call for Quilts - The Camarillo Quilters Association is heading up a project to offer a free, homemade quilt to all persons whose homes were destroyed in the MOUNTAIN FIRE 2024 that burned down over two hundred homes in Camarillo, Somis, and Santa Paula. For more information check out details on <https://www.sccqg.org/>

## March 15th "Moon Dance" 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 which is payable to Sue for a kit. **The kit includes all fabrics, pattern & templates to complete the 32" x 42" quilt top (incl. binding.)**

The total cost to attend the "Moon Dance" workshop is \$40 to the guild and \$60 to Sue Bouchard (\$100 total) This may be a bit pricy - but it does include all you need to complete the project top - plus all you need to bring to the workshop is your sewing machine and sewing supplies (including a cutting mat.)

Thank you for your understanding, Kathy Barnes, 1<sup>st</sup> VP



## Fundraising

We had another successful weekend at Summers Past Farm. We brought in \$1,974 in sales and \$152 in Opportunity Quilt ticket sales. Well done, everyone. We could not have asked for better weather and our booth with our new canopy was amazing! So easy to close up at night and set up the next morning. Thanks for everyone's work on the Christmas quilts. They went like hot cakes with most sold the first day. Not sure if I have any more Christmas panels to work with, but I'll try to put together Christmas quilt kits for next year. It would be awesome if everyone could make a Christmas quilt. I think there may be a couple more Christmas panel quilt kits out there, so finish those up and get them turned in. For the first time we did not run out of the cute felt cat ornaments. We still have several kits to finish for next year. One thing we didn't have that was asked for were seasonal table runners.

Now onto our next fundraising event – a spring fabric and craft supply sale. (We need a better name.) We have some dates set to collect, sort and price items for sale. All dates start at 9am. More dates will be arranged as needed.

January 16 Lorna Bisson's home  
January 30 Sandi Delman's home  
February 4 Lorna Bisson's home

Time to clear out your sewing/crafting room. You may have a class project that you haven't got around to finishing. That's okay. You learned what you needed to learn now time to let go of it. Or maybe you've decided that macrame, doll making or tatting isn't for you anymore. Time to let go of the supplies and unfinished projects to make room for what brings you joy. Old fabrics that you have outgrown—move it along. Old books and magazines gathering dust—get rid of them. Boxes in the top of the closet you haven't opened in a while—well you know what you need to do. Need help? Check out Karen Brown's Decluttering series. She's on Facebook at Just Get It Done Quilts. Or you can catch her series on You Tube.









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