



SUNSHINE
QUILTERS OF
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President's Message

Dear Sweet Guild members,

Wow January flew by – and now I find myself reminiscing on my elementary school days of giving Valentine cards & sweets to my classmates & friends.

I wanted to come up with something witty or a short poem like those cards. But everything sounds a bit cringey – so receive my wishes for a February full of sweet dreams of quilts yearning to be made – that those dreams will spark your creativity. That this Valentine we can celebrate the joy of sharing our love of Fabric, Sewing, Quilting, as well as our friendship!

February Speaker: So exciting to say it is one of our own members – Pam Davis! She will be presenting a trunk show featuring her Kim Diehl Quilts and sharing some inside secrets.

Remember to bring:

The Block of the Month – I enjoyed seeing the completed heart blocks that some shared on Facebook!

The Fat Quarter Fabric - theme for February: **Batiks**

**Your Completed UFO's
Items/Quilts for sharing**

So dear quilters – will you be my Valentine?

With joy & laughter,

Jo Miller

Guild President



Cuddle Quilts

We donated 63 quilts to Ronald Mc Donald House in January. Great Job, everyone! 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



Kimberbell
Alessia
Bella Suede
Batiks
Kaffe/Tula
Henry Glass and Co
Patriotic
Riley Blake
And many more!

Call me @
619-804-6062

Check out our website: fantabulousbacks.com



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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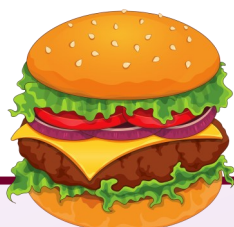


Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Positions 2024-2025		
Position		
President		Jo Miller
1st Vice President		Kathy Barnes
2nd Vice President		Christy Sprecco
Secretary		Sandi Delman
Treasurer		Kathy Manuel
Door Prizes/Traveling Bags		Carolyn Mathias
Membership		Pam Davis
	Membership Assistant	Sandi Miller
Cuddle Quilt Coordinator		Lorna Bisson
Parliamentarian		Kathy Barnes
Newsletter Editor		Candi Ravenscraft
	Assistant Editor	Carol Santos
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Website		Christy Sprecco
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Librarian		Tamara Schneidmiller
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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

We will try Applebee's again for dinner.
Please let me know if you will be attending.
Call or text me, 208-550-2647.

Thanks Pam Davis

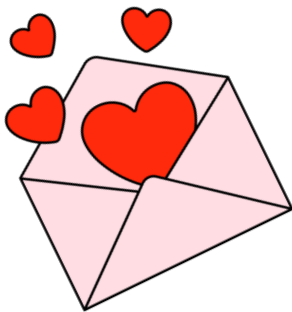




Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Meeting Minutes January 14, 2024

- Jo Miller opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- Jo Miller announced one guest, Gail
- Kathy Barnes introduced Scissors Man; directed anyone who wanted scissors sharpened to him.
- Sandi Delman shared her quilt with members. This is the special show and share of the month project.
- Jean Zuniga gathered December BOM.
- Pam Davis offered January BOM.
- Pam Davis offered January/February bimonthly opportunity.
- Lisa and Maureen stood in for Peter Chang's Cozy Creative Center presentation. Several raffle winners included Doreen Barnhart, Lorna Bisson, Sandi Delman, Arleen Waters, Teresa Wiesendanger, and Wendy Knight.
- Kathy Barnes reminded membership about Featherweight Maintenance Workshop by Tom Griesgraber on 1/18 and addressed Moon Dance by Sue Bouchard Workshop sign up.
- About 10 members had sharing.
- Lorna Bisson shared Cuddle Quilts and offered kits.
- Lorna Bisson announced Craft Show updates. 1/16, 1/30, and 2/4 at 9am Lorna Bisson's home.
- Kathy Barnes won FQ Swap.
- Christy Sprecco, Teresa Wiesendanger, and Arlene Watters were winners for January Traveling Bags.
- Jo Miller won December BOM.
- Janet Harris won \$10 prize for 2024-2025 UFO Project.
- February meeting 2/11.

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

Opportunity Quilt

If you have any Opportunity Quilt blocks, please return them this month. If you didn't get to them that is fine. We just want to get everything together.

Thank you, Pam Davis and Karen. Collin

Sunshine Quilters UFO Club 2024-25

Congratulations to the January winner - Janet Harris!

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.

Fundraising

Several of our members have been busy sorting, pricing, and cataloging items for our **Rise and Shine Boutique** scheduled for 26 April. We have 631 items cataloged—\$3,752.60 if we sell it all! That does not include patterns, books, fabric scraps or FGs.

Have you been decluttering your space? We are accepting donations for the sale. We have one more scheduled date to accept donations and price items. That date is 4 February at 9am at my house. If you have a donation and can't make it on the 4th, call me and we'll arrange a time to drop it off.

As we receive more donations, we will schedule more dates as needed. For fabric donations if smaller than a FQ we'll put them in our scrap box. Buyers will be able to sort through scraps and fill a lunch bag for \$5. FQs will be available separately. Larger fabrics we are measuring length, folding it and placing it in a sealable plastic bag. Please make sure these fabrics don't have any cuts out of them. Place a piece of paper in the bag with the length, i.e. 1 ¼ yd. If you have fabrics of the same line, they can be bagged together, in that case you can write, 1 jelly roll and 1 yd fabric, e.g. Then when we receive it, we can log it in. For fabric kits we are measuring the quantity of fabric in the kit and labeling the bag with that. We are pricing fabric at \$3/yard and wool at \$15/yard. For other items we are basically pricing at ~75% off.

We need your help on April 26th. The items will be separated by category and need volunteers to organize and man the different tables.

- ◆ Fabric and Kits
- ◆ Scrap fabric
- ◆ Wool and kits
- ◆ Notions
- ◆ Yarn and kits
- ◆ Stitchery and kits
- ◆ Patterns/books
- ◆ Doll making

Set up will be the evening before and morning of. We will have early opening hours for our guild members to get first opportunity to find the best deals. (Though some of that has already started—bonus for volunteers.) We'll likely slash prices toward the end of the day.

We would still like more items! Have you checked 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. We will also have a table to sell the remaining items from our December craft sale. If you would like to make items, that would be great! Any quilt donations for a possible auction?

Lorna Bisson



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— Kathy Barnes

Feb – Batiks

Mar – Kaffe/Free Spirit/Tula

Apr – Floral

May – Homespun/plaids

Jun – Low volume backgrounds



February Birthdays

Jo Miller 2/28



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 2025

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



OUR YEAR'S LAST WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY!

March 15th "Moon Dance" Workshop Information

"Moon Dance" workshop by Sue Bouchard will be held Saturday, March 15th at Lakefront MHP Clubhouse: 9395 Harritt Rd., Lakeside

Cost to guild is \$40 plus \$60 for the kit which is payable to Sue directly. The kit includes all fabrics, pattern & templates to complete the 32" x 42" quilt top (incl. binding.) A list of items to bring to the class will be coming soon.



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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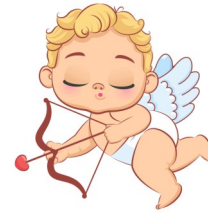
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Sandi Delman shared this beautiful quilt for everyone to enjoy.

Arlene Watters is sharing in February.



REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to:

Kathy Manuel
Jennifer Phillips
Gina James

For providing refreshments this month!

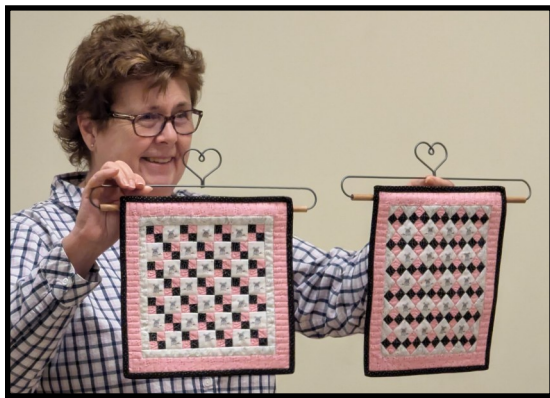
Two Featherweight Tables for Sale

#1 Serial # A421262 - insert and table #'s match. Brown metal rim and folding legs. Very good used condition. Couple of minor wood scratches and paint chipping. Can use as is. \$125.

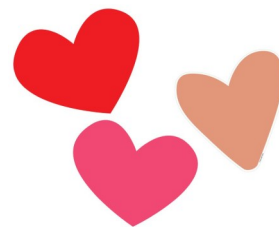
#2 Serial #A547560 - insert and table #'s match. Brown metal rim and folding legs. Salvageable condition. All metal parts there and working. Wood will need gluing and clamping in one area (photos on request) and refinishing. A little bit of work and this will be a nice addition to a featherweight collection. \$60.

Text Karen Collin 619-318-5806 for more info, availability and photos.

SHARING



Sandi Delman shared a darling stitchery quilt she made for her grand-nephew, as well as some other completed projects.





Jo Miller shared a cute cuddle quilt and a small crochet blanket that will go to the Navy Hospital babies.

Christy Sprecco shared a scrappy blue quilt.



Jean Zuniga has been busy making cork covered journals.

Lorna Bisson shared a couple small knitted blankets.





Lisa and Mo from Cozy Creative Center spoke to us about how the store is coming along since Peter took over. There are lots of classes planned and more fabric is on the way.





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