



SUNSHINE  
QUILTERS OF  
SAN DIEGO

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## Needle & Thimble News



### President's Message

"The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy".  
Henry Ward Beecher

Happy Spring my quilting friends! March was a month full of varying weather from freezing cold, snow, hail, sleet & rain to lovely warm sunny days.

I feel fortunate to enjoy a craft that allows me to engage no matter the weather - and if we lose power - we can focus on hand work - such as binding, tying/knotting prayer quilts, or embroidery.

Spring for is not only a time of renewal for the earth - for me it is also a renewal of projects I want to make - and ways to incorporate my quilts/projects to enhance my home and share my joy of sewing with others.

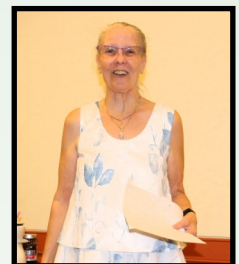
I'm looking forward to our de-stash Rise & Shine sale. I am still measuring & bagging up fabrics to add to the sale. It sounds like a fun event - so please continue to spread the word!

I'm also looking forward to our upcoming retreat in May - pulling upo projects to complete.

I am so proud of our members & quilting community - four open & welcoming spirits.

As the flowers begin to bloom-our guild's spirit of friendship blooms in me.

Thank you my dear quilters - happy quilting  
Jo




Don't forget about the spring Bunny gift swap. Bring a wrapped gift to exchange.  
\$30 limit, something new or something you made.

Kathy Manuel will bring her quilt to share this month.

EXTRA WIDE QUILTING FABRICS BY THE YARD

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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)

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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**

The traveling bags were fun, but enthusiasm has dwindled and it is time for the program to end. If you have a bag, please return it at the April meeting.

We will be using the remaining items for door prizes for the remainder of the year. If you have a suggestion for door prizes next year, please speak up!

- Carolyn Matthias



### **Pre-Meeting Dinner**

Dinner at Casa Hacienda  
700 n. Johnson  
5:00 pm

**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 March 11, 2025



President Jo Miller opened the meeting and welcomed guests and new members. Kathy Barnes then introduced speaker Sue Bouchard for her presentation first.

Sue Bouchard showed her Moondance quilts (for the workshop she is doing for the guild) along with several other quilts in her trunk show. Sue Bouchard used to work for Quilt in a Day and lives locally in Fallbrook.

### Sunshine Quilters Rise and Shine Boutique

Following the break and sharing, Lorna Bisson discussed the upcoming boutique of fabric, yarn and other crafting items. There is one more work day scheduled at Lorna Bisson's for 3/14. Following that, any new donations should be taken to Pam Davis as Lorna Bisson will be away. We do need many helpers for day of sale. Helpers will be assigned a table to manage and help shoppers. We also need a few people to go to Lorna Bisson's the afternoon before to help load the truck she is renting to hold all the goods. There is a lot – many hands lighten the load. We need people on Saturday 4/26 to stay late to help pack up what did not sell – hoping there isn't a lot!

Please print and pass out flyers everywhere you can. Post on your Facebook and other social media sites and groups.

### Retreat

Karen Collin passed out packets – if you missed the meeting check with Karen Collin or Pam Davis. There will be a BOM and an additional jewel tone FQ will be needed which will go to the winner for a piano key boarder. There is also an optional exchange project, Mil-lies Dresses in lieu of the "10" square swap". It looks fun, using 30's prints.

### April Meeting Fun

For April we will have a (voluntary) gift exchange, similar to what we did at Christmas. Bring a wrapped "Spring" themed gift, (\$30 limit) and Pam Davis will have a game for us to play to move the gifts around.

### Winners:

BOM – Teresa Wiesendanger

Travel Bags: Lorna Bisson, Doreen, Tamara Schneidmiller

FQ – Marilyn Sidler

UFO/Cuddle Quilt – Janet Harris

Respectfully submitted, Christy Sprecco (for Sandi Delman who was ill)



## 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 March 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.

## 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—Marilyn Sidler  
**Apr – Floral**  
May – Homespun/plaids  
Jun – Low volume backgrounds



### April Birthdays

Carolyn Matthias	4/29
Carol Santos	4/10
Nancy Tinker	4/30
Jean Zuniga	4/02



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!

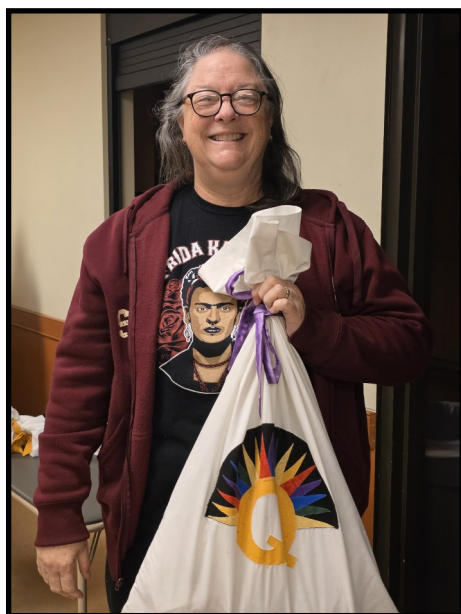
Christy Sprecco  
Contact info in the directory

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

**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**



## Traveling Bag Winners

Tamara Schneidmiller

Doreen Barnhart

Lorna Bisson







## REFRESHMENTS

Our Spring Treats in April are brought to us by

Jennifer Phillips  
Gina James  
Nancy Tinker  
Pam Davis

Thank you ladies!



Candi Ravenscraft shared her quilt "Cosmic Candy", which she completed in 2013.



## SCCQG News

**Next SCCQG Quarterly meeting - April 5, 2025**

**Our meeting topic in April will be Meet The Teacher. For further information, please see the Meet The Teacher page.**

The sale date is approaching quickly! We have over 1,500 items all packaged and priced. You will never see prices like this again!

Items can still be donated-please arrange to get them to Pam Davis.

We need people to:

- \* help Lorna and Roger load the truck at their place Friday 4/25.
- \* meet at the Church Friday to set up what we can.
- \* arrive 7:00 on Saturday 4/26 to finish setting up and organizing. Ideally we will have at least one person per table to keep them Organized as folks pick through packaging.
- \* sale runs 10-4, would be great if we can get a relief crew to arrive to help load the truck and put the room back together.
- \* will need a crew to follow Lorna and Roger back to help unload the truck. Really hoping there isn't a lot to unload but help is appreciated.

Other things we can use:

- \* everyone please post the flyer on your social media pages, in club houses, hair salons, library, Starbucks, etc.
- \* boxes cut down to maybe 6" high so the plastic bags can stand up and people can see contents
- \* any extra grocery bags you may have that our shoppers can use.

Thanks for all the donations and work party help thus far! It's been fun to see what has come in, including a most recent donation of a Singer 301!!!



**Sunshine Quilters of San Diego**  
**Presents**  
**Rise & Shine Boutique**

 **Up to 75% off retail pricing** 

- \* Quilting cotton & flannel yardage & kits
- \* Fill a lunch bag with scraps
- \* Wool – yardage, kits, roving, rug hooking
- \* Yarns – wool, cotton, mohair, acrylic & specialty yarns; needles & hooks
- \* Stitchery, embroidery & cross stitch kits
- \* Dollmaking supplies
- \* Books, magazines, patterns
- \* Notions



**Don't miss these great deals**



**Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Carlton Hills Lutheran Church**  
**9735 Halberns Blvd, Santee, CA 92071**  
**(This sale is not part of church activities)**

For more information contact:  
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Lucky Teresa Wiesendanger  
won the Block of the Month pro-  
vided by Hallie McCoy



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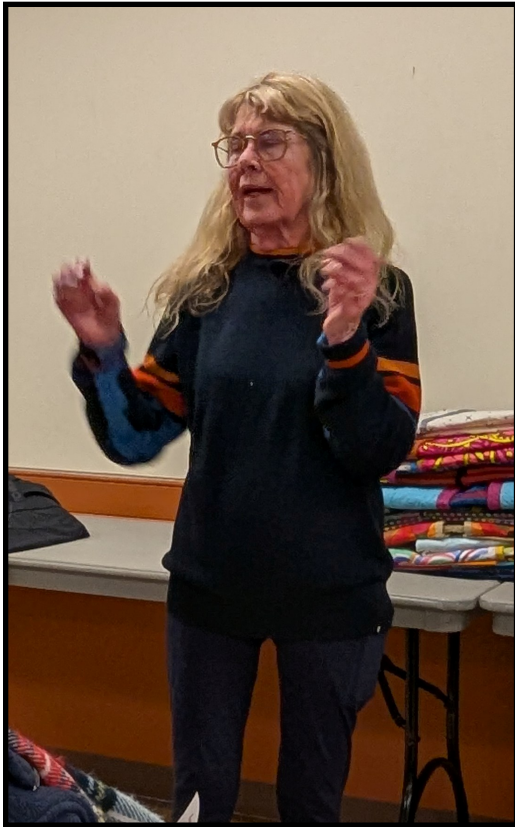
### **Two Featherweight Tables for Sale**

#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.





Our speaker, Sue Brochard, entertained us with a remarkable trunk show, Members enjoyed her workshop the following Saturday.













## SHARING

Gayle W. shared her cuddle quilt and a cute veggie jar quilt

Dorren Barnhart shared a UFO and a Peter Rabbit UFO







Carol Santos shared her stunning “Color My World”

Christy Sprecco shared two cuddle quilts.





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