



SUNSHINE  
QUILTERS OF  
SAN DIEGO

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## Needle & Thimble News



### President's Message

Dear Guild members – A new Month with new projects to March on with!

I've been enjoying both the warm sunny days as well as the gray rainy ones.

My daffodils are blooming as are quilt ideas – now to pull fabric to bring them to life!

It is so easy to get overwhelmed with the news/media headlines, politics, rising costs, etc – which makes me ever so grateful to be a quilter to unplug from the outer world and just sew and be creative.

Belonging to a guild – to be with kindred caring quilters – who share their talents – who inspire me – makes me so grateful! And speaking of being inspired....WOW oh WOW I loved seeing all those Kim Diehl quilts that Pam shared! Thank you Pam for sharing!

"It is a token of healthy and gentle characteristics, when women of high thoughts and accomplishments love to sew; especially as they are never more at home with their hearts than while so occupied" Nathaniel Hawthorne 4/2/2016

**March Speaker:** Sue Buchard

**Remember to bring:**

**The Block of the Month** – Kaffe, Free Spirit, Tula Pink

**The Fat Quarter Fabric** - theme for March:

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

With joy and a welcome to Spring,  
Jo Miller  
Guild President



### Cuddle Quilts


We have 15 cuddle quilts collected since January. Cuddle quilt kits will be available at the meeting. This will be a good time to grab a kit or two as I will be gone in April. I printed up some more labels, so please grab some to add to your finished quilt. Also wash the finished quilt before turning it in. Some of the fabric smells a little musty. If you would like to come "shop" our cuddle quilt fabrics to design your own cuddle quilt, please let me know. I shopped the stash, and I am using the fabric for my challenge quilt which will then turn into a cuddle quilt.

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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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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Retreat Coordinator		Karen Collin
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Guardian of Opportunity Quilt/Tickets		Kathy Manuel
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	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
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	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**

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 February 11, 2025

- ♦ Jo Miller opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- ♦ Jo Miller announced guests: Rose & Brad, Cheryl, Dale (who also became a member), and Camile.
- ♦ Arlene Watters shared her special quilt with members.
- ♦ Pam Davis gathered January BOM.
- ♦ Hallie McCoy offered February BOM.
- ♦ Pam Davis offered January/February bimonthly opportunity.
- ♦ Karen Collin provided an update on the May retreat.
- ♦ Kathy Barnes provided information on upcoming workshops.
- ♦ Lorna Bisson announced Rise and Shine Boutique updates.
- ♦ Jane St. John provided information on upcoming challenge.
- ♦ Pam Davis presented her Kim Diehl trunk show.
- ♦ Lorna Bisson offered Cuddle Quilt kits.
- ♦ Sharing by Kathy Barnes, Jennifer Phillips, Lorna Bison, Jo Miller, Sandi Delman, and Christy Sprecco.
- ♦ Kathy Barnes won FQ Swap.
- ♦ Tamara Schneidmiller and Jenna Timan won Traveling Bags.
- ♦ Hallie McCoy won January BOM.
- ♦ Lorna Bisson won \$10 prize for 2024-2025 UFO Project.
- ♦ Marilyn Sidler won January/February bimonthly opportunity.
- ♦ March meeting 3/11.

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 February 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.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 YouTube. 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



### March Birthdays

Doreen Barnhart 3/24

Pam Davis 3/23

Jan Hayman 3/5

Arlene Watters 3/25



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

**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 Crafttours 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**

### Reminder:

Sew-In on Friday, March 28  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Lakeside Library



## OUR YEAR'S LAST WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY!

### March 15th "Moon Dance" Workshop Information

"Moon Dance" workshop by Sue Bouchard will be held Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **SCCQG News**

SCCQG is giving us advanced warning for next year's R2Ca special exhibit.

"I have received confirmation that SCCQG will be exhibiting members' quilts during the 2026 Road to California Show. I do not have an official "Call for Entries" yet but there is a theme - "Home is ... "

Is "home" a place, a feeling, or people? Please be prepared to finish the sentence "Home is \_\_\_" and explain why your quilt fits your sentence."

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.

## Retreat 2025 - Welcome to My Garden

Two months till we gather and stitch together in Temecula. Just a couple of reminders for now.

Packets will be passed out at the March meeting. If you cannot attend but have a friend who can pick it up for you, that would be great and save me a bunch on postage.

Final payments are due no later than April 8th. Your balance due will be included in the packet. You may also reach out to me before the meeting.

If you can no longer attend the retreat, I must be notified no later than April 6th in order to be able to get you a full refund. After that date, you will need to find someone to take your place and reimburse you directly.

I'm still looking for door prize contributions. Feel free to bring them to the meeting or I can meet up with you at another time.

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**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:  
[info@sunshinequilters.com](mailto:info@sunshinequilters.com)





## Fundraising

Our **Rise and Shine Boutique** is scheduled for 26 April. As reported last month, we have ~1200 items cataloged at a possible value of ~\$6,300! That does not include patterns, books, fabric scraps or FQs. Please help get the word out.

The event is 26 April at the Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, 9735 Halberns Blvd in Santee. Set up will be Friday evening about 6ish (they host a dinner every Friday evening) and the morning of the sale. And then we'll need to pack up what's left at the end of the day.

The items will be separated by category and we need volunteers to organize and oversee the different tables.

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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!

- Lorna Bisson





## REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to:

Pam Hoyt  
Debra Broyles  
Sherri Necochea

For providing refreshments this month!



Antique treadle Singer sewing machine in drawing room cabinet  
FREE you pick up. Call Julie Dale if interested. I live very close to Rennet center

## 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 February speaker was our own Pam Davis. Pam has been quilting for many, many years and her favorite designer is Kim Diehl.



Pam's work is amazing!















- Arlene Watters shared her barnyard quilt for everyone to enjoy.
- Lorna Bisson shared two vintage quilts that she has rescued and renewed.
- Kathy Barnes shared two fun cuddle quilts.







- Christy Sprecco shared a cute whale cuddle quilt.
- Jennifer Phillips made a "Tweedle Dee" Bag" from a Sarah Fielke class at Road
- Jo Miller shared her project from Edyta Sitar Class at Road
- Sandi Delman shared her cross-stitch quilt for her nephew and three other adorable projects









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