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President's Message

Dear Guild members – Writing this welcome note despite of May Gray weather – rejoicing with the success of our Rise & Shine Boutique De-stash sale! WOW it truly was successful with requests we do it again!

I am so proud of our guild, and for the dedication of our members to work together – just incredible!

I want to remind everyone that we will be having Signups for the next guild year board/meeting positions at this and the next meeting.

This is your opportunity to take an active role in what we accomplish for next year! Be invested in your guild – we need and appreciate your participation!

In addition – please start thinking of ideas to explore/discuss of what you would like to have happen next year – speakers you are interested in, activities the board hasn't thought of. Your input is valuable!

Another bit of fun is coming up - 21 of us will be going to our annual Guild Retreat! Gosh – I love how active and engaging our guild is!

FYI – I plan to out pre-fused flowers & leaves for the retreat Block – to share – as I will be raw edge sewing some on my block. I will also be bringing a variety of threads to match – so if you are at a loss of what to do – you are welcome to grab some to sew down at the retreat!

FYI – the Idiom Guild Challenge quilt is due – I am so excited to see what our creative members have designed! I just finished mine!

Though the weather may be dreary – it's good to know our guild is NOT!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at guild – be safe and enjoy our expansive & joyous craft – Quilting!

With joy, Jo



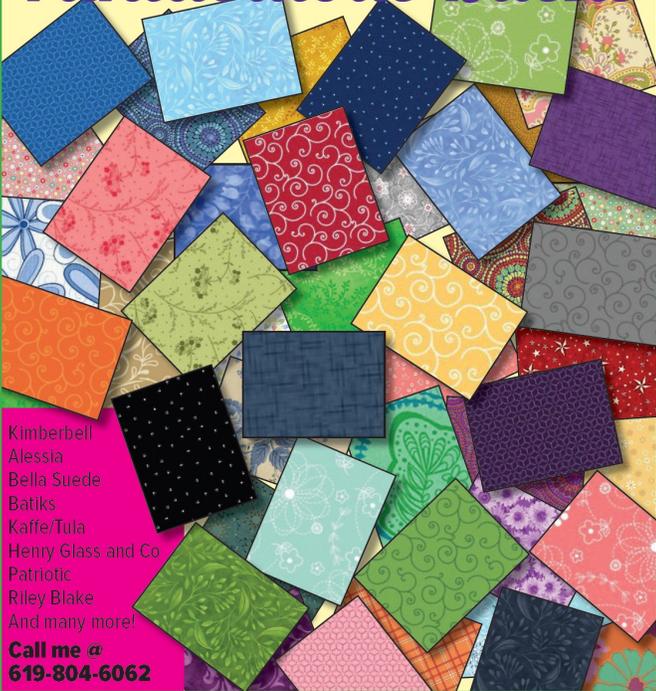
Cuddle Quilts

Before leaving on my trip to India I dropped off 30 cuddle quilts to Ronald McDonald House. I figured there was no reason to only deliver them twice a year. I have tons of quilt kits for you to choose from and tons of fabric to choose from. (Yes, still tons even after the sale!) Let me know if you need something specific for a back. I will need to order more batting as I am out of that.

- Lorna Bisson

EXTRA WIDE QUILTING FABRICS BY THE YARD

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If anyone has seen my storage bin, please bring it to the meeting (or retreat if you're going). It contained scraps, my name is on both the lid and bottom. It's a LARGE Sterlite brand with blue handle locks. I tried to find it at the sale but it looked like most of the bins were the same type.

Thanks, Candi

Or please contact me and I will come get it.



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
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Librarian		Tamara Schneidmiller
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

2025 Challenge Reveal

It's almost time - May is our month for the Idiom Challenge reveal! Please finish your last-minute touches and bring your quilts, wearables or other creations for display at the May meeting. We can't wait to see your interpretations of the challenge.

- Jane St. John



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 April 8, 2025

Christy Sprecco was the speaker and presented quilts made by her, her mother, great granny and great-great granny. She also shared some quilts that she finished on behalf of others.

Tanya Althof shared that her move to Texas timeline was moved. They have sold their house already and are moving to San Antonio. She thanked everyone for their friendship and sharing over the years. She promised to touch base with us from time to time as she settles in Texas and finds a new guild community.

Karen Collin shared some final retreat updates. We have 21 people going. Packets have been distributed. If you have any questions reach out to her.

We had a few guests - Tammy Oliver (who joined the guild), Carolyn Sandoval (Kelly Kufa's sister), Joe Sprecco and Brenda from Chula Vista Guild. Brenda was selling tickets to their beautiful Baltimore Album quilt.

The craft sale is coming up. Christy passed around sign-up sheets, need some people on Friday and Saturday afternoons to help load and unload the truck at Lorna's. We have over 1500 items for sale.

Pam Davis shared the finished quilt top for the 2025-2026 Opportunity Quilt. She is seeking a volunteer to get it quilted.

Winners of the night:

BOM - Gina James

UFO/Cuddle Quilts - Janet Harris

Fat Quarters - Debbie Lucas

Seasonal Opportunity Quilt (*One Gray Hare*, donated by Sherri Necochea) - Tanya Althof

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hoyt and Christy Sprecco



MAY Block of the Month “BOM”

Set sail for Summer with the “Sunshine Regatta.”

Sailboat Block

- * Sewing choices to machine piece or appliqué the sails.
- * Select your own boat with easy, moderate, or more challenging sail designs
- * Background fabric provided plus small pieces that you may use or save for another block.
- * Full instructions now being tested.

Ahoy Sailors! Get your block of the month Tuesday May 13th.
‘May fair winds fill your life with adventure’



May Birthdays

Camilia Gower	May 10
Tamara Schneidmiller	May 25



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— Debbie Lucas
May – Homespun/plaids
Jun – Low volume backgrounds



Kathy Manuel shared her monochromatic Dear Jane



Pam Davis shared the Opportunity Quilt for 2025-2026

Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Calendar, Speakers and Workshops 2025

May 13, 2025: Challenge Reveal

June 10, 2025: Year End Potluck



REFRESHMENTS

May's delightful treats are Thanks to:

Kathy Barnes
Tamara Schneidmiller
Teresa Wiesendanger

Thank you ladies!

We are 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



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Rise & Shine Boutique

A big thank you to everyone for your help for our AMAZING Rise & Shine Boutique. To those that didn't think I was crazy when I first spoke of this idea. To all who donated items to sell. To those who donated their time for pricing and setting up and working the sale and tearing it all down again. A special thanks to the quilters who went before us -- Peggy, Lu-Ann, and Sharon and others -- for the donations we received from their families that enabled us to do this. We earned \$5330.75. Well done everyone!

- Lorna Bisson



Everyone was set up and ready to go.





The calm before the storm

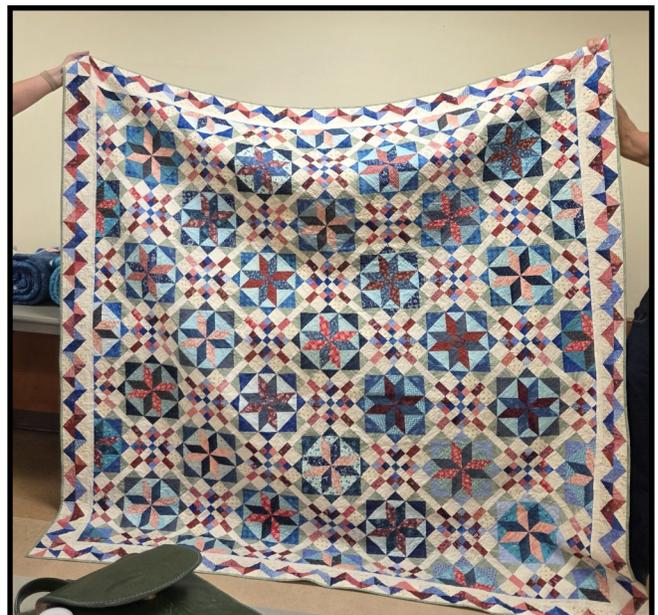


The storm! Everyone had so much fun!





Christy Sprecco shared her quilting journey and some family history. Her assistant was her husband, Joe.







Pam Davis shared her Carpenter Star, Pumpkins and Tranquility

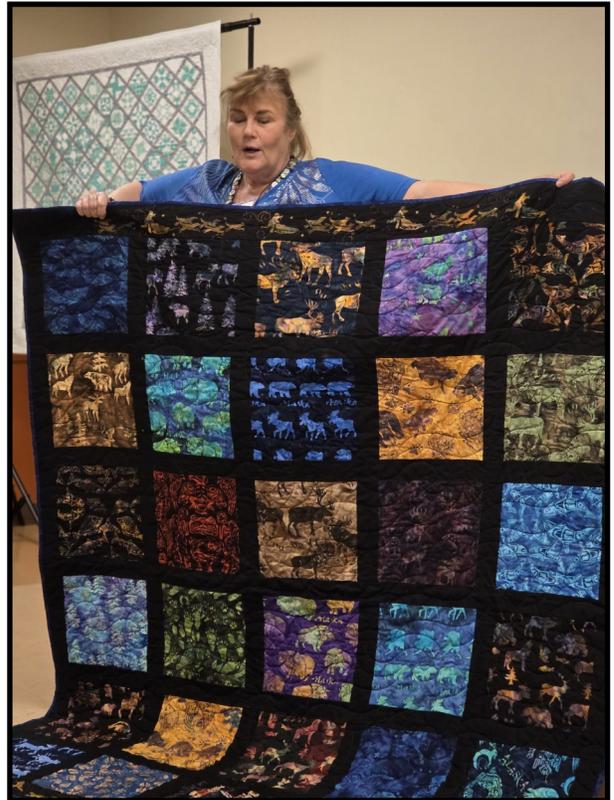


Christy Sprecco and Jean Zuniga shared their Tranquility quilts





Debbie Lucas shared her Alaska Bear quilts and a Beer quilt, which will all to be gifted.





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