



SUNSHINE  
QUILTERS OF  
SAN DIEGO

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## Needle & Thimble News



### President's Message

Dear Guild members ,

I am so proud of our guild, and for the dedication of our members. You, our members have supported our guild in many ways:

- Made items & worked our booth for the craft sale at Summers Past Farms
- Made Cuddle Quilts for our Charity initiatives
- Participated in monthly sew-ins
- Had fun doing Santa/spring gift exchanges
- Making & Participating in Blocks of the Months
- Making and purchasing Seasonal Opportunity Quilts
- Making blocks for the Guild fund raising Opportunity Quilt
- Creatively participating in the Guild Challenge Quilt project
- Actively attending our meetings – making our guests feel welcomed – supporting each other's craft

I want to express my gratitude to our board members and to each of our members. Your generosity of time and support makes my role as president an incredible experience – one I am enjoying!

As this is our last meeting as we break for summer... there will be a lot going on at this meeting:

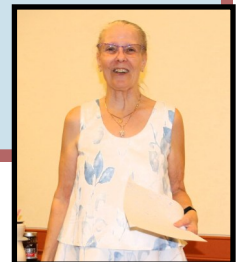
Thank you everyone for signing up for the various guild positions- we still have some openings for board positions, as well as for donating/making the seasonal quilt to raffle. As such – please consider if you are able to take on any of these duties.

Instead of snacks – or meeting for dinner before hand – we will be having our **Year End POTLUCK!** Please remember to bring something to share!

Block of the month to be turned in; Opportunity Quilts; Sharing; Completed UFO's; Fat Quarter to bring/win... Fellowship with each other – I so love how active our guild is!

Have a wonderful summer – in addition to making time to be with family & friends – make time to for yourself and this creative craft we all so enjoy!

With gratitude, Jo



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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.

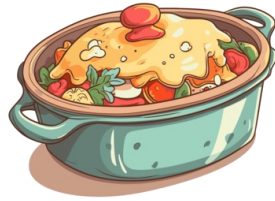
Doors open at 6:30 pm, meetings begin at 7:00 pm.

For more information please visit our website at: [www.Sunshinequilters.com](http://www.Sunshinequilters.com)



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
Mailbox Info Table		Carol Santos
Website		Christy Sprecco
Advertising		Tamara Schneidmiller
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

## Year End Pot Luck



Our closing "Pot Luck" dinner will be this month's feature.

Please note that the Guild will provide a non-alcoholic cold punch and water. Thank you everyone for all the snacks you shared throughout the year!

- Sherri Necochea

**Tuesday June 10,2025**  
**BOM block of the month**



Ahoy Skipper....

Sail your boat back into harbor.

Shelter Island Channel: Keep the red buoys on your RIGHT = "Red, Right, Return" to safe harbor.

Regatta Results: Post your photo on our Facebook. Fair winds forecasted...  
Call / text if you need help. Marilyn





## Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Meeting Minutes May 13, 2025

- Jo Miller opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- Jo Miller announced guest Kathy Barnes's friend along with a new member, Carolyn Sandoval.
- Kathy Manuel summarized Rise and Shine Boutique event. Free notions were made available to members left over from the event.
- Jane St. John hung Idiom Challenge projects and passed out ballots. Winners in three categories were Hallie McCoy for Skeltons in the Closet, Most Creative was Jo Miller, and Viewers' Choice was Pam Davis.
- Gina James gathered April BOM.
- Marilyn Sidler offered May BOM.
- Arlene Watters offered May/June bimonthly opportunity.
- Signup sheet for 2025-2026 membership year was passed around to fill openings.
- Sharing by Sherri Necochea, Doreen Barnhart, Karen Collin, Jo Miller, Arlene Watters, Lorna Bisson, Jo Miller, Sandi Delman, Pam Davis and Christy Sprecco.
- Lorna Bisson won FQ Swap.
- Christy Sprecco won April BOM.
- Sandi Delman won \$10 prize for 2024-2025 UFO Project.
- Janet Harris, Tammy Oliver, and Jennifer Phillips won Door Prizes.
- Next and last meeting of 2024 -2025 membership year 6/10.

Respectfully submitted by Sandi Delman



## 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’



### June Birthdays

Pam Hoyt	6/12
Gina James	6/27
Kathy Manuel	6/23
Jennifer Phillips	6/17
Connie Smith	6/28



# 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—Lorna Bisson  
**Jun – Low volume backgrounds**

Good Morning,

We recently had a big fabric drop and there are quite a few memos available for pick up. Let us know if you are interested and we will save some for you. Also, what date and time you would like to pick them up.

We are a fabric showroom with sample memos of fabric we sell. We recently had our biannual drop and have many samples, typically 9x9, 13x13 or 27x27 inches in size.

We have all types of fabric, from sheers to upholstery weight. If you could use these for any quilting projects you can come by to pick them up. We typically reach out to see if anyone can repurpose them but discard the rest.

**FREE FABRIC!**

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## Sunshine Quilters Board Meeting - May 22, 2025

**Attendance:** Pam Davis, Christy Sprecco, Lorna Bison, Kathy Manuel, Jo Miller, Sandi Delman, Candi Ravenscraft, and Teresa Wiesendanger

**Location:** Christy Sprecco's Home

### Topic: 2025-2026 Membership Year

Filling open positions. Email to be sent out about positions needing to be filled and what said position entailed.

No Secret Pal instead Seasonal Gift Exchange.

No Traveling Bag

Leftover kits to be used as Door Prizes

No Ice Cream Social instead Board Members bring Favorite Cookie

UFO Project Challenge will be split into two separate challenges: UFO Project Challenge and Cuddle Quilt Challenge

Continue part of membership fee \$20 Opportunity Changes and add in two Cuddle Quilt Kits to be made into quilts during membership year.

### Topic: Favorite Cookie in September

Board members bring cookie along with recipe card.

During meeting members make their own Name Tag with materials supplied by Guild.

### Topic: Seasonal Gift Exchange

There will be three events themed for Fall, Winter, and Spring (Pam Davis).

### Topic: UFO Project Challenge

\$10 to join.

Make list of five to ten.

Name entered for each completed project.

Name entered for joining challenge.

One winner in June.

Need someone to manage at meetings

### Topic: Cuddle Quilt Challenge (Lorna Bisson)

Two kits received at membership. (Still under discussion as to whether the two will be provided from Cuddle Quilt pre cut kits or from member's stash.)

Demonstrations in easy quilting at Sew Ins.

Most quilts turned in during membership year wins Rosie's Gift Card.

### Topic: Gift Basket for Donating Seasonal Opportunity Quilt

Seasonal Opportunity Quilt Coordinator do this?

### Topic: San Diego County Fair (Christy Sprecco)

July 2 and July 3 volunteer at booth. Need four volunteers each day.

Christy Sprecco will provide a sewing machine to be left onsite for sewing blocks as they are decorated (within pre-made kits).

Someone to bring sewing machine back to Christy after event

Volunteers July 2: Christy Sprecco, Lorna Bisson, Karen Collin, and Jo Miller

Volunteers July 3: Sandi Delman, Lorna Bisson, Jo Miller, Kathy Manuel

### Topic: Assisted Living Appreciation (Christy Sprecco)

Sent Thank You Letter.

### Topic: Carlton Hills Lutheran Church Appreciation (Kathy Manuel)

Send Thank You Letter and \$100 donation for use of space for Rise & Shine Boutique.

### Topic: Scraps Sale (Teresa Wiesendanger and Pam Hoyt)

Continue separating by color scraps from Rise & Shine Boutique

Bag in gallon size baggies.

Offer at Guild Meetings for \$5.





## Patty Sprecco

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### Board Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Topic: Fabric Sale (Marilyn Sidler)

Organize yardage from Rise & Shine Boutique  
Offer at Guild Meetings.

Topic: Sew-ins

None yet scheduled.

Topic: Summers Past Farms Craft Fair

Not discussed.

Topic: Sunshine Quilters Pamphlet

Not discussed.

Topic: Back in Time

Not discussed.

Open Topic: Speakers for 2025-2026 Membership Year

Christy Sprecco continues to work on speakers. Working towards local speakers where air flights are not involved.

Three confirmed speakers and two workshops.

Open Topic: UFO and Cuddle Quilt Completion Badges or Pins

Look for sources and cost.

Open Topic: December Pot Luck

Show and Tell Winter Quilts (no more than three per member)

Respectfully submitted by Sandi Delman

## Cuddle Quilts

Thank you everyone for your contributions to our cuddle quilt program this year. As you know we donate the majority of the quilts to the Ronald McDonald House. San Diego's Ronald McDonald House is a community-supported "home away from home" for families caring for critically ill or injured children at local hospitals. The 47-room House provides a place to stay for 5,000 people a year, keeping families close to their hospitalized children. The ages of the children range from infants to 18-year-olds. Because of the wide age range, the minimum size of the quilts should be 40" x 50" and then up to a large throw size for the older teenagers. When we've received larger quilts, we have donated them to the Aspire Center, which provides residential care to Veterans who need extended care and rehabilitation for recovery and a smooth transition back into their communities.

Starting this new year, we'll hand out 2 cuddle quilt kits to each member as they register. This summer we'll have a cuddle quilt sew-in. We'll give demonstrations on easy machine quilting on your home machine, no-binding finishes, and a fast and easy way to sew those labels on. More to follow on date and place. We are also planning a new Cuddle Quilt challenge for next year...with cash prizes! More to follow.

For those that send their cuddle quilt top to be long-arm quilted, make sure the backing is 10 inches larger than the top, e.g. a 40"x50" top requires a 50"x60" backing. This allows extra fabric for attaching the backing to the longarm machine and to have the clamps on the side without getting knocked off by the machine head on every pass. If you have 2 similar quilts that would work with the same backing fabric then allow for both quilts when making the backing, all the better for faster finishing.

And just because we sold a ton at our Boutique, don't be concerned that we're low on fabrics. You see here the wall of bins and the stash under my long arm. We still have plenty of yardage for backings, borders and more.



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>



## SCCQG News

### **Eaton, Palisades, and Mountain Fire Victims - Call for Quilts and Pillowcases for Kids.**

The Camarillo Quilt Guild team has held their final distribution for quilts for the Mountain Fire Survivors. In the meantime, quilts are currently being distributed to the survivors of the Palisades and Eaton fires. While we received a lot of quilts at Road to California, and many more since then, they have been distributed, and we need more!

We are requesting new quilts, lap size and bed size, which will be distributed at recovery events in the Palisades and Eaton areas. We're also collecting **Pillowcases for Kids** to distribute to the children who attended schools that were destroyed.

Please email us at [sccqgfire@sccqg.org](mailto:sccqgfire@sccqg.org), if you have quilts or pillowcases to donate. We will work with you to help shuttle them to the correct location or provide a shipping address. We have some storage capability in the South Bay, Santa Monica, and Glendale areas. In addition, the Simi Valley Quilt Guild is also providing storage space. However, currently, the quilts seem to find new homes on a regular basis through what we're calling the "everyone knows someone who knows someone that was affected network." Thus, storage hasn't been a big problem.

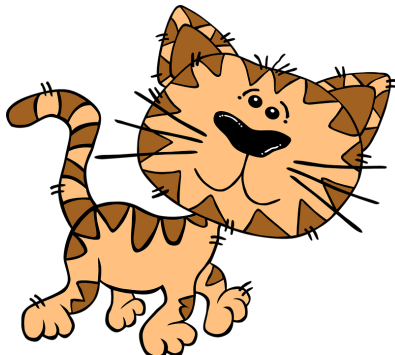
Several of our Southern California quilt shops have offered to serve as "drop off" locations for your quilt and pillowcase donations. (See website for list). Quilts and pillowcases can also be shipped, but please contact us first at [sccqgfire@sccqg.org](mailto:sccqgfire@sccqg.org) so we can provide a shipping address to you.

### **Next SCCQG Quarterly meeting - July 12, 2025**

Our meeting topic in July will touch on some of the subjects in our January meeting Money Matters program that we did not fully explore. Our featured speaker will be Fred Duenas, CPA and formerly of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, to chat about Sales Tax. We will also discuss raffle registration and more. Do you have questions about sales tax or other areas related to Money Matters for the guild? Send them to Program Chair, Liz Pickering, at [programchair@sccqg.org](mailto:programchair@sccqg.org) by June 27.

### **Next year's R2Ca special exhibit**

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."



Teresa Wiesendanger shared her winter quilt with the Board Members since she will not be at the June meeting.

### Sunshine Retreat Fun!

Mother's Day weekend, Sunshiners enjoyed a long weekend of creativity, great weather, delicious food and fellowship with like-minded friends.

Thank you to Marilyn Sidler for being the photographer!



Just getting started

Sherri is working on her ambitious project BoHo Heart.



Sheryl Harpel completed an beautiful quilt.



Doreen and Tamara in the middle of projects



Karen Collin did a terrific job coordinating the retreat.  
Carolyn coordinated a fun bingo game.



Doreen created a new little friend. Adorable!



Lorna working on a quick cuddle quilt.



Diane and Carol



Carol Santos in front of one of here many completed projects.



Sandi Delman worked on the Cats in Pajamas.  
Wow!



Gina completed her Christmas Truck



Jo Miller made a darling quilt for a friend who just had a baby.



The theme of this year's retreat was "In the garden". Many members completed a block. At the end of the weekend, a name was drawn to win all the blocks.



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