



SUNSHINE  
QUILTERS OF  
SAN DIEGO

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## Needle & Thimble News



**REMINDER: This month's meeting is on Wednesday, November 12 as the Rec Center is closed due to Veterans day on the 11th.**

### President's Message

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough and more."  
Melody Beattle

Greetings dear quilting friends! I missed seeing everyone last month - and I heard the speaker, and workshop was inspiring and fun. I look forward to seeing the workshop birds the participants created!

Thanksgiving is a month of being grateful for what we have, for family & friends - and for caring-giving to those less fortunate.

I pray none of our members and your families are not impacted by the government shutdown, furloughs, layoffs and EBT/SNAP cutoffs/shortages.

I encourage those who can, make donations to a local food pantry.

I am so grateful and blessed to be a part of this quilting community - of the community service and donation quilts we make. I truly feel honored to be the guild president.

Sending blessings and wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving season to us all!  
- Jo Miller



Retreat Update Woohoo! The retreat is nearly full. Once we reach our number I will start a wait list. I will be at the November meeting after all but arriving after the meeting starts. I will be happy to take payments toward your retreat account, or you can pass them along to Kathy Manuel before I arrive. Another group I retreated with recently had a great idea. If your family is looking for holiday gift ideas for you, they could contribute to your quilty weekend. Have them reach out to me if interested. Registration form on last page of newsletter.

-Karen Collin

## Refreshments

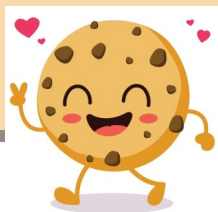
This month refreshments are provided by:

Marilyn Sidler

Doreen Barnhart

Gayle Wolken

Hallie McCoy



### **Sunshine Quilters Craft Sale at Summers Past Farm Saturday-Sunday December 6 & 7, 2025 9:00am-3:00pm**

What crafty items are you making to sell at our Craft Sale at Summers Past Farms? I will collect completed items at the November meeting. We will set up a time to drop off sale items and to price everything as we get closer to the event. I have more cat ornament kits and will bring those to hand out. Make a few of your favorite ornaments to sell to help fill up our Christmas tree. I will be making kits for Christmas themed quilts. ALL of them sold last year!! Block the dates so you can come help at the Fair and to shop.

- Lorna Bisson



Our long-time member, Dorothy McRann has passed away. Please keep her family in your prayers.



## LUCKY SEVENS 2025 Challenge Project



### Guidelines:

Use at least 7 colors (may be distinctly different shades of a color)

Use at least 7 techniques (blocks like 4 Patch, Churndash, Applique, Embroidery by machine or by hand, Ohio Star, etc!). A simple single border does not count!!! A mitered border does count!

Project must be at least 18x22 inches and cohesive (intentional vs scrappy).

A couple prizes will be awarded.

Be prepared to list your techniques and colors for the reveal in May.

A surprise guideline will be announced in December—it will not affect your colors or designs



More questions? Call/text me @(619)890-1434.



Tamara



### Vic's Celebration of Life Information

**When: Sunday – November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: From 11am – 3pm**

**Place: Rosie's Calico Cupboard – Outdoors under the Overhang.**


**Dress: Casual – Wear your favorite type Aloha Shirt.**

**Come with your favorite stories about Vic.**

**RSVP here: <https://evite.me/GV1hwQPyX4>**

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](http://fantabulousbacks.com)



The guild is still in need of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, responsible for organizing the programs for our 2026-2027 year. If you have interest please reach out to Christy Sprecco for information on what it entails. This is a great time to start following leads for speakers and workshops for that guild year.



We will be having dinner before the meeting

Meet at Casa Hacienda , 700 N. Johnson, El Cajon  
at 5:00pm on November 12th

If you get a chance, please send  
me a text 208-550-2647.

See you then  
Pam Davis

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		
Position	2024-2025 Member Name	2025-2026 Member Name
President	Jo Miller	Jo Miller
1st Vice President	Kathy Barnes	Christy Sprecco
2nd Vice President	Christy Sprecco	
Secretary	Sandi Delman	Sandi Delman
Treasurer	Kathy Manuel	Kathy Manuel
Door Prizes	Carolyn Matthias	Kelly Kufa
Membership	Pam Davis	Pam Davis
Membership Assistant	Sandi Miller	Sandi Miller
Cuddle Quilt Coordinator	Lorna Bisson	Lorna Bisson
Parliamentarian	Kathy Barnes	Kathy Barnes
Newsletter Editor	Candi Ravenscraft	Candi Ravenscraft
Assistant Editor	Carol Santos	Carol Santos
Mailbox Info Table	Carol Santos	Carol Santos
Website	Christy Sprecco	Christy Sprecco
Advertising	Tamara Schneidmiller	Candi Ravenscraft
Librarian	Tamara Schneidmiller	Tammy Oliver
Hospitality/Refreshments	Sherri Necochea	Jen Phillips / Gina James
Directory	Kathy Manuel	Kathy Manuel
Meeting Room Manager	Kathy Manuel	Kathy Manuel
Retreat Coordinator	Karen Collin	Karen Collin
Seasonal Gift Exchange Game	Janet Harris	Pam Davis
Guardian of Opportunity Quilt/Tickets	Kathy Manuel	Lorna Bisson
Fund Raising (Ways & Means) Comm		
Committee Member 1	Lorna Bisson	Lorna Bisson
Committee Member 2	Teresa Wiesendanger	Teresa Wiesendanger
Committee Member 3		Tammy Oliver
2024-2025 Opportunity Quilt Planning	Pam Davis/Karen Collin	Pam Davis
Challenge Coordinator	Jane St John	Tamara Schneidmiller
Historian/Meeting Photographer	Kelly Kufa	Kelly Kufa
SCCQG Representative	Lorna Bisson	Gina James
Block of the Month (BOM) Coord	Hallie McCoy	Carolyn Sandoval
September BOM	Teresa Wiesendanger	Teresa Wiesendanger
October BOM	Jo Miller	Gina James
November BOM	Sandi Delman	Gayle Wolken
December BOM	Jean Zuniga	Kelly Kufa
January BOM	Pam Davis	Pam Davis
February BOM	Hallie McCoy	Pam Hoyt
March BOM	Nancy Tinker	Kelly Kufa
April BOM	Gina James	Jane St. John
May BOM	Marilyn Sidler	Carolyn Sandoval
Seasonal Opportunity Quilt Coord	Jennifer Phillips	Pam Hoyt
Sep/Oct Quilt Donor	Jean Zuniga	Jo Miller
Nov/Dec Quilt Donor	Tanya Althof	Debra Broyles
Jan/Feb Quilt Donor	Pam Davis	Pam Davis
Mar/Apr Quilt Donor	Sherri Necochea	Jan Hayman
May/Jun Quilt Donor	Arlene Watters	Lorna Bisson
UFO Challenge	Lorna Bisson	Jean Zuniga
Cuddle Quilt Challenge	Lorna Bisson	Lorna Bisson



## Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Meeting Minutes October 14, 2025

Christy Sprecco opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Jo Miller out sick.

Christy Sprecco announced speaker Karen Brow-Meier, Java House Quilts.

Karen Collin discussed the 2026 Retreat.

Christy Sprecco discussed the important need for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position to be filled.

Christy Sprecco discussed a reminder that the November meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12 NOT Tuesday, November 11 due to the room being closed.

Pam Davis discussed the Puppy Quilt.

Tamra Schneidmiller discussed 2025-2026 Challenge "Lucky 7s". Reveal in May with three prizes awarded. \$10 to join the challenge.

7 Colors

7 Blocks or Techniques (borders excluded except "miter borders" as a technique)

At least 18" x 22"

Lorna Bisson discussed the UFO Challenge, Craft Fair held on December 6 & 7, Gas Lamp Festival volunteering, and Opportunity Quilt travels

Show and Share by Wendy Knight, Sherri Necochea, Jean Zuniga, Lorna Bisson, Sandi Delman, Kelly Kufa, Kathy Barnes, Christy Sprecco, Teresa Weisendanger, Karen Collin, Pam Davis, and Jan Hayman.

Pam Davis discussed UFO Challenge. Receive a chance for each finished project. Jean Zuniga is the bookkeeper. Cuddle Quilts are not part of this challenge. Cost is \$10 to join challenge.

Pam Davis conducted the Seasonal Exchange "Fall/Halloween". Those who participated swapped gifts.

Gina James introduced October BOM that is a leaf. Background is provided. Winner drawn at November meeting. Cost to join is \$1.

Celeste McFall won September/October BOM.

Kathy Barnes won Monthly BOM.

Teresa Wiesendanger, Carolyn Sandoval, and Sandi Delman won Door Prizes.

**Next meeting is Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

Respectfully submitted by Sandi Delman



## UFO challenge 2025/2026

Make a list of 5 to 10 protects you want to finish.

Along with your list you will pay a one time fee of \$10.00.

All the money collected will go into a pot for the end of the year, there will be one winner.

Every time you finish something on your list your name will go into the year end drawing.

The more you get done the more chances you have to win the pot at the end.

We will be starting this at the September meeting, so please turn in your list and money before show and tell.

Good luck!

The following members are signed up to organize / provide kits for Block of the Month:

Questions—Please contact Carolyn Sandoval

<u>Month</u>	<u>Member Name</u>
November	Gayle Wolken
December	Kelly Kufa
January	Pam Davis
February	Pam Hoyt
March	Kelly Kufa
April	Jane St. John
May	Carolyn Sandoval



### November Birthdays

Wendy Knight	11/22
Kelly Kufa	11/27
Marilyn Sidler	11/9
Christy Sprecco	11/30
Gayle Wolken	11/7





Karen Brow Meier was our speaker in October. She shared her talent and gave us lots of inspiration. We were lucky to have her, as she retiring at the end of the year.



## Patty Sprecco

Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant

[www.marykay.com/psprecco](http://www.marykay.com/psprecco)

[Patricia.Sprecco@cox.net](mailto:Patricia.Sprecco@cox.net)

619-890-6277

*click here* →







On Saturday Oct 18, members enjoyed a workshop taught by Karen Brow Meier, "Fancy Feathers" table topper or table runners held at Lake Jennings Park Estates. Fun times!



**LOTS OF SHARING!**

Karen Collin shared two 3-yard quilts for charity.



Pam Davis shared her Pink & Brown quilt as well as a cute tote bag.





Jean Zuniga presented her Millie's Dress quilt and a lovely tree quilt.



Jan Hayman shared a couple of colorful projects



Wendy Knight with two beautiful projects





Teresa W. shared a cuddle quilt and her completed "Winter Wonderland".



Kelly Kufa shared a bright cuddle quilt.



Sandi Delman with her small wall hanging "Koxcomb" with wool applique.

Doreen Barnart shared "Butterfly Swirl"





Christy Sprecco shared a quilt made from BOM's she had won as well as her "Moondance" workshop project.



Sherri Necochea shared the One-Block Wonder from a workshop in 2024



If you hide behind your quilt and don't put your name on the Show & Tell list, I can't give you credit for your beautiful work. :)

**DID YOU KNOW?**



Sunshine quilters has an online presence!

[www.sunshinequilters.com](http://www.sunshinequilters.com) (any submissions can go to [info@sunshinequilters.com](mailto:info@sunshinequilters.com))

Facebook: [\(1\) Sunshine Quilters of San Diego | Facebook](#) This is a private group, you can request to join the site and our FB Admin Teresa Weisendanger will admit you.

Library – [Libib | sunshinequilter](#) We have a physical library, and Tammy Oliver is our Librarian who will bring out our books during meetings (check the kitchen), but you can also peruse our library online ahead of time so you know what you are looking for when you come to check out a book.

## TWO SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE

The Brother Innov-is NS2750D does embroidery and the other is a Brother Project Runway Limited Edition. They're both from a ladies estate that passed away. We received fabric donations from her daughter and now she's trying to sell her mother's machines. She sent this text.....

"The fancy one that does embroidery... we were asking \$1500 obo (I think my mom got it for \$2500),

the other one we were asking \$200 obo"

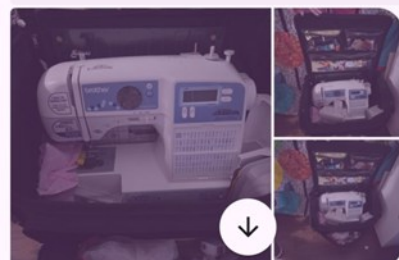
Contact Stephanie Donaley 619-987-9087

Submitted by Kathy Barnes

This is a Brother Innov-is NS2750D Sewing and Embroidery Machine Disney edition. Known for its advanced features and ease of use, it is suitable for both advanced enthusiasts and novices. It has 138 embroidery designs and 240 built in stitches.



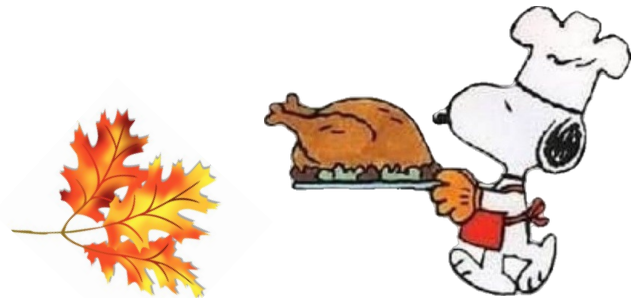
Brother XR9500PRW Project Runway Limited Edition Computerized Sewing Machine. Comes with carrying case with lots of extras.





**2025-2026  
Opportunity Quilt**

Tickets were provided  
with your paid mem-  
bership.  
You can always pick  
up more for a chance  
to win  
This beauty!



If you have more Puppy Blocks, please bring them to  
the November meeting and give to Pam Davis.



These cute Acorn block were won by Kathy  
Barnes.



**2025/2026 Programs and Workshops**  
**Christy Sprecco, 1<sup>st</sup> VP / Program Chair**

**November – Pam Davis Trunk Show** – You thought all she did was Kim Diehl? Guess again! Pam will continue to inspire us with her quilts!

**December – Holiday Party and Baked Potato Bar** – Watch for details from Jen and Gina. Oh and start thinking of ideas for our seasonal gift exchange game!

**January – Diana Karna, Stitchingstyle.org – Quilted Coat Lecture**



**Workshop – Quilted Coat Workshop** – Saturday, January 17, 10 – 3. Space is limited to 20 people and we are sharing this workshop with the Chula Vista Guild. Workshop is \$40, pattern fee is \$30 payable to Diana.

**February – Jodi Bratch – Member of Professional Association of Appraisers – Quilted Textiles**

**March – Linda & Carl Sullivan – Colourwerx Successful Machine Applique** (you may remember Linda & Carl – they were our first Zoom meeting during the pandemic! We had to cancel our workshop at the time, and are thrilled to have them back!



**Workshop – Wonky piecing & easy Applique (cat, dog or fish)** – Saturday, March 14, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Samples will be shown at the September meeting and posted to the website.



Lorna Bisson shared a pretty charity quilt, Red & White and a colorful log cabin star quilt.



Kathy Barnes shared two cuddle quilts, Airplanes and Moose, as well as a beautiful blue dimensional quilt "Dream Path"





Surfside Quilters Guild Fundraiser

# November Fest

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

**12:30 - 3:30 pm**

**Free Admission**

Boutique

Quilt Auction

Silent Auction

Opportunity Baskets

Refreshments

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

33501 Stonehill Drive

Dana Point, CA 92629

Time: 12:30-3:30

1:30 Live Quilt Auction

3:00 Raffle baskets awarded

3:00 Silent Auction closes

**Cash, Checks, Credit Cards**

**& Zelle accepted**

**Visit [surfsidequiltersguild.org](http://surfsidequiltersguild.org)**

**For Directions & Auction Item Photos**



**Sunshine Quilters' Retreat**  
**May 7 – 10, 2026**  
**Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center 39300 DePortola Rd.**  
**Temecula, CA 92592-8758**

It's time to start planning our next retreat! Membership benefit early sign up period: Sept 1 - Oct 31. Starting Nov. 1, non guild members can sign up too. Hand me or mail your registration form and \$100 deposit to the address below to hold your spot.

**You may check in after 2:00 pm on THURSDAY (May 7) with dinner as your first meal.**  
**Room check out is at 9:00 am SUNDAY (May 10) but you may continue to sew until 2:00 pm**

Dinner is provided on Thursday. Friday arrivals get lunch and dinner.  
Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided on Saturday. Brunch is on Sunday.

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Tear off and send to: **Karen Collin**  
**58 Corte Maria Ave.**  
**Chula Vista, CA 91010**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Sunshine Quilters of San Diego**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE#:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ROOM MATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Do you wake up early? Y N Stay up late? Y N**  
**Special Room or Dietary Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

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| 4 Days/ 3 Nights                                                                                            | 3 Days/2 Night                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double Occupancy \$650.00                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Double Occupancy \$475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Occupancy \$850.00                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Occupancy \$625.00 |
| Day Commuters (if workroom space is available) Daily Rate \$55.00 (includes lunch) plus \$25 per addl. meal |                                                    |

Circle days you will attend: Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

A \$100.00 deposit holds your spot - **FULL PAYMENT DUE BY March 10, 2026**

No refunds after April 1st. Spots and deposits can be rolled over to new attendee only.

**Installment payments are happily accepted. As few or as many that work best for you.**



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