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President's Message

Holiday Greetings Sunshine Quilters!

I so love this time of year... the incredible decorations in people's yard, and the festive lights. I especially enjoy placing the ornaments on my trees as they bring back memories: those garnered from our travels, those from my childhood/family, and those made by me and made/gifted by my friends.

I'm pleased to report that I am starting to finally feel like my usual self – regaining optimism and desire to sew & quilt again. Grief and Depression can easily blind one to the joys of life.

Sending love and light to you all this holiday season. May your days be filled with love and creative inspiration and time to sew!

As the familiar carols play... send peace on earth and goodwill to all!



Sunshine Quilters Craft Sale Summers Past Farms

Saturday-Sunday December 6 & 7, 2025 9:00am-3:00pm

And here it is! Time for our Craft Fair! Thank you to those that have dropped off their sale items. So much creativity and talent in our group. You can still drop off your items at any time this week. Just call or text to arrange a time. I will be available Thursday, December 4th 10:00am to at least 1pm or until we are done pricing items. Please also come to help price and pack up items. To make that go quicker, please put a price on the items you bring.

Thanks to all the volunteers who signed up. On Friday, December 5th, 2:00pm we'll set up our canopy and tables at Summers Past Farm. We'll set up what we can inside the canopy at that time.

****Saturday morning set up time is changed to 8:00am. Morning shift on Saturday and Sunday will start at 9:00am.****
Note time change.

MESSAGE FROM PAM DAVIS

No Dinner this month, as we are doing a potluck.

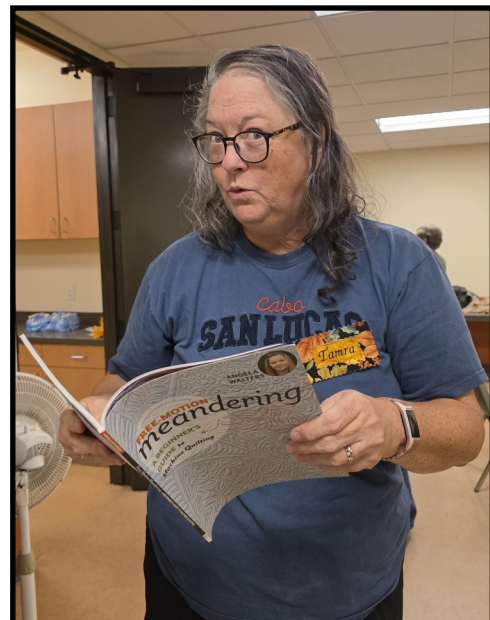
Don't forget about the gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift. Homemade or purchased. Not to exceed \$30.00.

If anyone still has a puppy block, please return it to me. I will have the quilt top at the January meeting.

Thank you
Pam



Lucky door
prize winners



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.



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The guild is still in need of a 2nd 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.



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



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
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Librarian	Tamara Schneidmiller	Tammy Oliver
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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
November 12, 2025



Lorna Bisson gave an update on Cuddle Quilts - kits available.

Also available are opportunity quilt tickets (have you turned in yours yet?).

Now collecting items for the Summers Past craft fair. There will be a final collection and pricing day on December 4th from 10-1 at Lorna's. Sign up sheet being passed around to help with the craft fair.

Kathy Manual provided the programs update for Christy Sprecco:

Diana Karna - Quilted Coat Workshop: There is presently one opening remaining for this workshop. We do need payment now for anyone attending and we will start a wait list. Workshop is Jan 17th from 9-3 and will be held at Rosies.

Linda Sullivan - Wonky Piecing & Easy Applique. We currently have 15 registered. We can likely accommodate a few more (if we are able to get Kathy M's clubhouse). 3/14/2025 from 10-3:30.

We are asking again that someone (or a couple to share) in the role of 2nd VP to run programs next year. Please consider this - and if you have questions, speak to Christy Sprecco or one of the board members.

Pam Davis shared her beautiful quilts and how she got started with quilting. Truly an inspiration!

Door prize winners were Tamara Schneidmiller, Carolyn Sandoval, Cheryl Harpe and Lorna Bisson. Many thanks to the shops providing us door prizes this year, and to Kelly Kufa for obtaining these.

Block of the month was won by Kathy Barnes.

Next meeting is 12/9/25 and our holiday dinner will be a Potato Bar. A signup sheet was sent around, if you missed it, reach out to Jennifer Phillips or Gina James.

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



December Birthdays

Kathy Barnes	12/29
Candi Ravenscraft	12/5
Carolyn Sandoval	12/4



2025/2026 Programs and Workshops

Christy Sprecco, 1st VP / Program Chair



Thank you to Pam Davis for an inspiring quilt show in November!!!

Here's what's up next:

December – Holiday Party and Potluck – A potato bar! (How fun!) Oh and start thinking of ideas for our seasonal gift exchange game!

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



Enjoy this informative lecture on sewing quilted coats. Diana will go in depth on the pattern, how to take measurements for the best fit, go over several different finishing methods, and how to add collars and hoods. Come get inspired with plenty of ideas for customization and try on some sample coats after the lecture. Her goal is for you to feel confident to sew your own wearable art coat.

Workshop – Quilted Coat Workshop – Saturday, January 17, 9 – 3 at Rosies. Space is limited to 15 people and we are sharing this workshop with the Chula Vista Guild. Workshop is \$40, pattern fee is \$30 payable to Diana. We have a few openings left. Check out the gorgeous samples she sent!

Now the real fun begins! We'll finish quilted back panels, trace and cut pattern pieces, and dive into coat construction. She'll do live demos on custom pattern adjustments, how to add pockets with binding, collars, and hoods, plus instruction for sewing the tricky parts with confidence. Throughout it all, she also offers plenty of guidance and encouragement so you can walk away with a finished or near finished coat that can be an expression of your personal quilting style.



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

March – Linda & Carl Sullivan – Colourwex 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.



April – Sandi Delman “Bonnie Hunter Trunk Show”. Sandi will take us through her journey of Bonnie Hunter quilts, including all the Mystery Quilts.

May – We have our challenge reveal, but more than that, we have our own Sandi Miller sharing her reflections on her membership *and past presidency* of Sunshine Quilters.

June – End of year potluck.

Please sign up early! All workshops must be paid in advance, checks payable to Sunshine Quilters, \$40 per workshop. Any pattern fees are paid directly to the teacher at the workshop.



DID YOU KNOW?



Sunshine quilters has an online presence!

www.sunshinequilters.com (any submissions can go to 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.

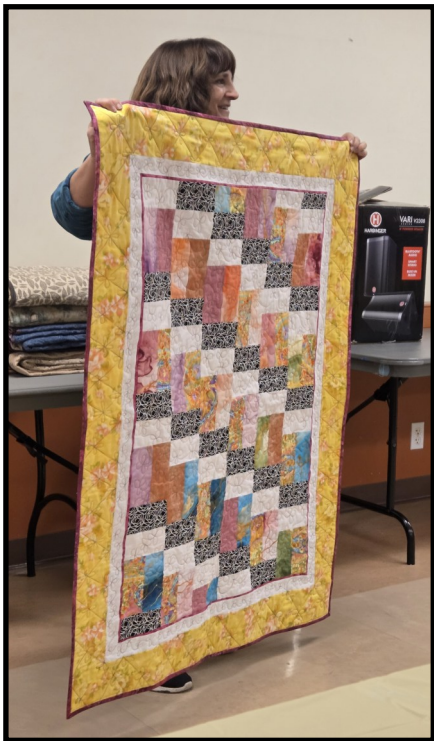
Library – [Libib | sunshinequilter](#) We have a physical library, and Tammy Oliver is our Librarian who will bring out our books during meetings (check the kitchen), but you can also peruse our library online ahead of time so you know what you are looking for when you come to check out a book.





**2025-2026
Opportunity Quilt**

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













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