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President's Message

Winter Greetings Quilting Friends! Wow – It's a new year: 2026

Let it be a year of Inspiration, Creativity, Joy and Growth in our craft!

I want to thank our Fundraising Team! We had another very successful fund-raising event at Summer's Past Farm Craft Fair. Kathy Manual (our treasurer) will provide the actual amount raised.

Thank you everyone who contributed items to sell and for attending to the fair by setting up/tearing down, manning the table and encouraging the selling of our opportunity quilt.

Just as the winter rains nourishes our plants – it is our membership that nourishes our guild.

I want to thank every one of our members! You are the ones who help our guild grow both in numbers and in giving. Giving of your talents, supporting each other's abilities, and doing so with joy & laughter!

No matter what is happening in our country – I am so grateful to have our guild of incredible women quilters. As sewing, crafting, quilting is my safe haven – a world unto itself. A microcosm of all that is wondrous – the richness of fabric colors; the feel of the fabric. The repetition of cutting strips, squares and triangles – the hum of the sewing machine as I join these bits of fabrics.

I cherish this skill and you – our guild members – as your support (during meetings and online in our Facebook posts) is what makes our guild add craft a place to treasure.

My continuing wish for 2026 is that you all also feel safe, encouraged, and inspired – to grow, expand your knowledge & skills, and joy in being a guild member!

Jo Miller, President



May Retreat Update

We have 24 quilters signed up to attend and a wait list has been started.

Reminder: Make as many installment payments as you would like. Check in with me at the meeting if you need to know outstanding balance. All final payments are due on or before the March 10th meeting.

An email will be going out shortly to all who have registered and packets will be distributed at the February meeting.

- Karen Collin

Cuddle Quilts

In December Christy and I hauled 121 quilts to Ronald McDonald House to be handed out to the kids. They were very happy to take the Christmas quilts along with all the others. We gave them all the quilts we had up twin size.

The 6 larger quilts—full to queen—went to the Warrior Freedom Station. Freedom Station is operated by the Warrior Foundation and provides cottages for veterans requiring some assistance due to various reasons. There are three dozen cottages in San Diego, and the average stay is about 6 to 9 months. The quilts donated go to the veterans to keep when they leave and a Sewing group that's comprised of some guild and non-guild members have committed to keeping a supply of quilts flowing in so that every veteran can have a quilt. Anybody interested in more information on this contact Christy Sprecco. Here's a link to the mission of the Freedom Station.

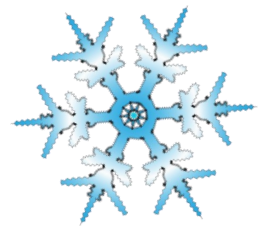
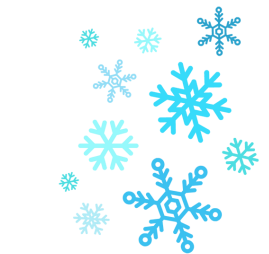
<https://warriorfoundation.org/who-we-are/>

Happy 250th birthday, USA! Let's cover the kids at Ronald McDonald house in red, white and blue.

Patriotic Cuddle Quilt kits are available. Each kit includes a pattern, fabric for the top, back, binding and a label. Batting will be available. Because of the wide age range of children – infants to teens – at Ronald McDonald House, the minimum size of the quilts should be 40" x 50" on up to twin for the older teenagers. For those that send their cuddle quilt top to be long arm quilted, make sure the backing is 8-10 inches larger than the top. I'll collect your labeled quilts each month.

Link to free 3-yard quilts: <https://sewcanshe.com/free-quilt-patterns-for-easy-3-yard-quilts/>
You'll get a ticket for each labeled quilt you turn in for a drawing at the end of the year.

Thanks, Lorna



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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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

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



Scrap Sale

Fabric scraps will be for sale at the meeting. These are left over from last year's sale and from kitting cuddle quilts. I won't bring them all at once. I'll bring a bin or two until they are all gone.

Lorna

Providing Refreshments in January are:
Candi Ravenscraft and Tammy Oliver



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 December 9, 2025



Sunshine Quilters Member Meeting Minutes - December 9, 2025

Jo Miller opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Jo suggested meeting time start at 6:30 pm rather than 7 pm. Discussion ensued with an opposition by membership. Will revisit for 2026-2027 membership year.

Gina James and Jennifer Phillips coordinated the Baked Potato Bar and holiday table decorations. The holiday meal was well received by all.

Fantabulous Backs had fabric for sale.

Show and Share by Sandi Delman, Kathy Barnes, Christy Sprecco, Karen Collin, Pam Davis, Tammy Oliver, Candi Ravenscraft, and Jennifer Phillips.

Christy Sprecco discussed the important need for 2nd VP position to be filled. Christy discussed future workshops and that three members still need to pay for the January workshop.

Karen Collin discussed the 2026 Retreat. Karen also mentioned possible interest in a Chula Vista workshop on Rope Basket making that had openings.

Lorna Bisson discussed the success of the Summers Past Farm event that netted around \$2,800. Opportunity Quilt raised \$270 at various guilds it has travelled to along with \$190 at Summers Past Farm. Items not sold at the Summers Past Farm event were offered to membership. Lorna is looking to have many Red/White/Blue cuddle quilts as it is the 250th year for America.

Candi Ravenscraft discussed the Holiday Open House Celebration of Life for Dorothy McRann

Carolyn Sandoval introduced December BOM that is either a tree or a pinwheel. Background is provided. Winner drawn at January meeting. Cost to join is \$1.

Jo Miller won Monthly BOM.

Marilyn Sidler won November/December BOM.

Lorna Bison, Tammy Oliver, Jenna Timan, Gina James, Jennifer Phillips, Doreen Barnhart, and Kathy Barnes won Door Prizes.

Pam Davis conducted the Seasonal Exchange "December Holiday". Eighteen participated in the gift exchange.

Next meeting January 13, 2026

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>
January	Pam Davis
February	Pam Hoyt
March	Kelly Kufa
April	Jane St. John
May	Carolyn Sandoval

**We will be having dinner before the meeting.
Meet at Casa Hacienda , 700 N. Johnson, El Cajon
at 5:00pm on January 13.**

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

**See you then
Pam Davis**



2025/2026 Programs and Workshops

Christy Sprecco, 1st VP / Program Chair

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 – The quilt appraiser is unable to come. Another speaker is being sought. If any guild member is interested in doing a trunk show , please contact Christy Sprecco directly.

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.



**2025-2026
Opportunity Quilt**

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



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.



Sunshine Members enjoying the festivities waiting for the delicious potluck.





Lucky Prize Winners

Marilyn Sidler

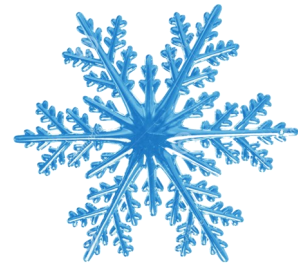
Jo Miller

Doreen Barnhart

Kathy Barnes

Lona Bisson

Gina James





Jennifer Phillips shared Dogs in Sweaters Table Runner



Candi Ravenscraft shared Sherbet Sunset gifting to a friend.



Tammy Oliver shared a cute little log cabin



Karen Collin with a beautiful Red, White & Blue quilt





Christy Sprecco shared Every Which Way, which is the last patten designed by Daniela Stout. The pattern and fabric were a gift from Cozy during the Alaska cruise.



Two cute cuddle quilts.





Sandi Delman shared Kluster, Katniss, Katkins and Kreepy Kats, Krow & Klaws





Pam Davis shared Reindeer Games



Kathy Barnes shared Mistletoe Lane

Sandi Delman with Krowkissed





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