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President's Message

“A friend is one who overlooks the broken fence and admires the flowers in your garden” author unknown

In quilter's parlance... A friend is one who overlooks the cut off points and admires your quilt!

Happy Galentines – Valentines to our wonderful Guild Members! Wow its February already – this year seems to be speeding by!

We had a lovely workshop – and it seems like the majority of our members were able to nearly finish their jackets during the class! I am so looking forward to the guild runway show – um... Show & tell – and hope many will be wearing their jackets to show off! The ones I saw were so beautiful & creative – with folks changing up pockets, adding hoods-collars or length. And the pattern was forgiving – meaning it didn't require precision to turn out lovely!

I'm also hoping to hear or see what our members who attended the Road to California Quilt Show made or learned – or purchased. Its fun to be inspired by others.

Valentines is a time to express our appreciation of special friends & loved ones. And you our dear guild members – I appreciate your dedication to our guild. Your attendance, your sharing & caring, making quilts to comfort others, for charity, and items for our craft show. Some may not appreciate the time, expense, thoughts, frustrations and joy involved in our craft – but we do. Which is another reason to cherish our guild – as we understand, support and value the work and skill we each put into making quilts and sewn projects.

Let's continue to honor our craft and each other! Sending you my heartfelt wishes for a special Valentines month – and may your bobbin ever be full!

Jo Miller, President



The board has identified an issue likely causing some confusion as it relates to nametags. Our Welcome Letter and By-Laws conflict slightly as follows:

Welcome Letter

Fabric Name Tags: *We encourage members to make a name tag from fabric. Wearing name tags encourages us to get to know one another – so when you wear yours you may enter the drawing for a door prize. Temporary name tags are available for 50 cents.*

By-Laws, Standing Rules – we state:

B. Members shall have nametags, preferably made of fabric, and will donate fifty cents to the library if nametags are not worn to the meeting. Section 2F refers to the membership committee collecting name-tag fees.

As you can see, the first reference is more encouraging, friendly, and I believe in the spirit of why we want nametags. The second reference is more of a rule with reference to requirement.

The board is proposing the following approach:

Move to strike the section B and 2F in the standing rules. (we will bring to members for a vote in February)

- See the following article that explains why we think it is important and helpful to wear nametags.
- We will continue to make nametags available at the membership table for voluntary use (no fee). Members wanting to participate in drawings must have a nametag of some sort.

Discontinue any enforcement actions.

Why Nametags Matter at Guild Meetings

Have you ever found yourself chatting happily at a guild meeting and suddenly realized... you can't remember the other quilter's name? You're not alone! With new members joining, long gaps between meetings, and so many familiar faces, nametags can make a big difference.

Wearing nametags helps everyone feel more welcome—especially new members and guests. It's much easier to join a conversation or ask a question when you know someone's name. For newer quilters, seeing names helps them connect more quickly and feel like part of the group rather than "the new one."

Nametags also strengthen our sense of community. Calling someone by name creates an instant connection and makes conversations warmer and more personal. It helps long-time members reconnect, too—especially when we don't always sit with the same people or attend every meeting.

During workshops, show-and-tell, and committee work, nametags are especially helpful. They make it easier for leaders, speakers, and volunteers to communicate and for members to follow up with someone whose quilt or idea inspired them.

Most of all, nametags support what our guild is all about: friendship, learning, and sharing our love of quilting. So please remember to wear your nametag—and if you've forgotten yours or need a new one, we're happy to help. A small tag can make a big difference!

Christy Sprecco

1st VP

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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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 February are:
Carol Santos and Christy Sprecco



| 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 January 13, 2026



Jo Miller opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Celeste McFall has agreed to Vice President position. Tracy Frick has become a new member. \$4.50 collected for not wearing a name tag.

Tamara Schneidmiller discussed Challenge Quilt. Tamara requires information regarding parameters of your project.

Christy Sprecco discussed future workshops. The January workshop is full. The Jodi Bratch lecture in February will be replaced by a 250th year of America lecture by Arlene Arnold.

Karen Collin discussed the 2026 Retreat.

Lorna Bisson discussed the success of the Summers Past Farm event that netted around \$3,430. Items not sold at the Summers Past Farm event were offered to membership or donation should be taken home by maker. Lorna is looking to have many Red/White/Blue cuddle quilts as it is the 250th year for America. Kits available as well as materials to make quilts.

Show and Share by Sandi Delman, Christy Sprecco, Karen Collin, Lorna Bisson, Gayle Wolken, Jo Miller, and Sherri Necochea.

Pam Davis introduced January BOM that is a heart. Background is provided. Winner drawn at February meeting. Cost to join is \$1.

Jennifer Phillips won Monthly BOM.

Door Prizes won by Celeste McFall, Kelly Kufa, Jo Miller, Jane St. John and Teresa Wiesendanger.

Next meeting February 10, 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> |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| February | Pam Hoyt |
| March | Kelly Kufa |
| April | VACANT—Volunteers?? |
| May | Carolyn Sandoval |

**We will be having dinner before the meeting.
Meet at Casa Hacienda , 700 N. Johnson, El Cajon
at 5:00pm on February 10.**

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

**See you then
Pam Davis**



2026 Programs and Workshops

Christy Sprecco, 1st VP / Program Chair

We had a great time at our workshop with Diana Karna! We are planning for a “fashion show” at the February meeting! Diana would like to come back and do another so we will see what we can schedule along with Friendship and Chula Vista quilt guilds.

February - Arlene Arnold of Heritage Oaks Quilts

Arlene will present her **250 Year of Quilts, History, and the Women That Made It** on February 10th. This lecture celebrates our country's 250th birthday in 2026. There are 25 quilts, one for each decade. With that quilt is a brief history of the time period, the quilt and a woman that people probably haven't heard of but none the less contributed to her decade.



March – Linda & Carl Sullivan – Colourwerx Successful Machine

Want to learn the beginning basics of how to prep your appliqué shapes, or the rules of the road to perfect your own unique appliqué stitch? In this lecture, Linda will share her over 20 + years of experience for successful machine appliqué - from prepping your shapes, to setting your machine up for success, to her favorite notions to explaining different threads and weights and how they embellish the edge of your appliqué to even sharing techniques to emulate hand needle turn appliqué but using your machine. It's the ultimate machine appliqué lecture!

Workshop – Wonky piecing & easy Applique (cat, dog or fish) –



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.

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Students of all skill levels will love how super fun these improv, slash ‘n sew projects are! With no 1/4” seams to follow, and tons of tips and tricks from Linda, students will learn easy wonky strip piecing and the beginning basics of fusible machine appliqué with these easy to create shapes! Students may choose to make either a Mini ModDog, ModCat or Mod Fish in class!

**2025-2026
Opportunity Quilt**

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



SCCQG is still Collecting quilts for fire victims Palisades...

SCCQG is looking for 2-year term for board members
Contact Marian Mapes (Parliamentarian) on SCCQG (email on SCCQG Website)

-105 guilds currently members of SCCQG

****Meet the teachers is April 11th,2026-10-12pm via Zoom****

3 min presentations

At 12 pm each teacher has a breakout room

Anyone can attend... check on SCCQG for details and link!

Please contact Gina Hames if you have any questions or would like more information!

Gina.olsonjames@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?



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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.

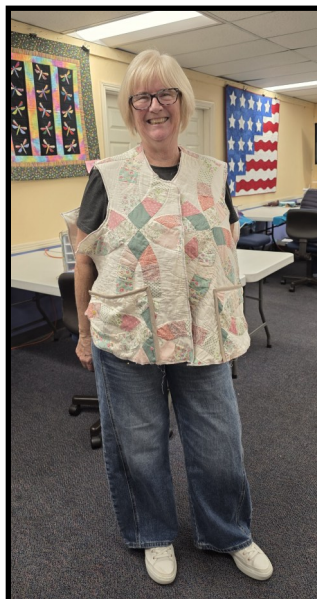




Our January speaker, Diana Karna, shared information on how to make a quilted jacket. There were many jackets for members to try on, so they could assess their size.



The quilted jacket workshop was held the following Saturday. Many members were able to complete their jacket.





Jo Miller shared the pieces that she planned to use for her jacket..

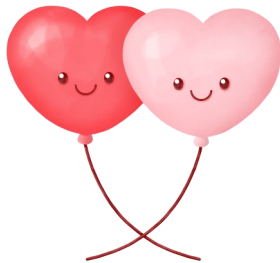


She turned it into this!



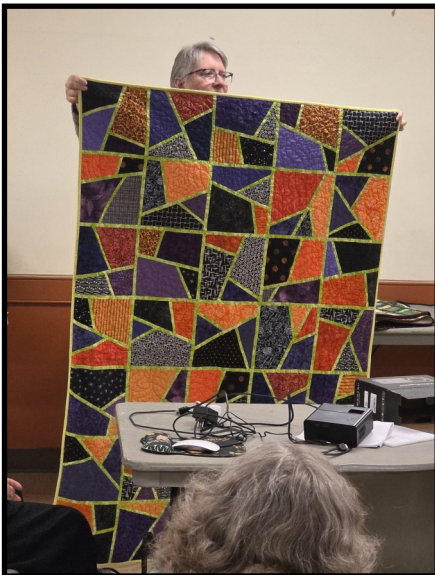
Jo shared a cute tote bag made from a charm pack

Sandi Delman shared this adorable cross-stitch quilt "Kid's Kingdom"





Karen Collin shared her scrappy trees table runner, Halloween Mystery quilt and a diamond quilt.



Sherri Necochea shared her completed Fancy Feathers table runner.



January Block of the Month—Trees & Peppermint block
Seasonal opportunity organizers provided by Pam Davis



SHARING



Gayle Wolken shared her guitars quilt to be gifted.



Christy Sprecco shared French Roses, Sunbonnet Sue and Beverly Park

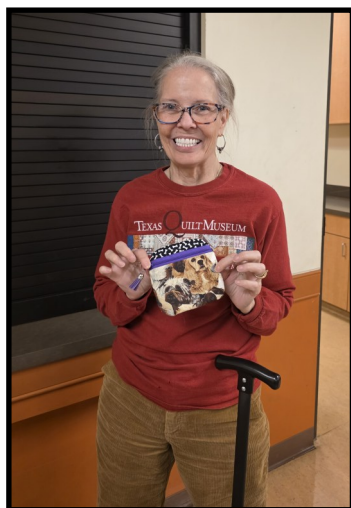


Lorna Bisson shared Feed Sacks tote bags





Lucky Door Prize Winners!





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