



SUNSHINE  
QUILTERS OF  
SAN DIEGO

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## Needle & Thimble News



### President's Message

Greetings Sunshine Quilters! Wow we went from a week of rain to record hot temperatures! I am so enjoying seeing the flowers blooming - their bright colors - affirming the renewal of life - the earth's bounty. We are blessed to be alive, to be apart of nature, to share a love quilting!

People have asked me what is my favorite color - and I struggle to chose 1 color. I find all colors to have their own charm - and yes some may be somber, others so intense - yet they all have their place in the full spectrum of light. Even a single color's perception will vary depending on its surroundings. Does it have light or dark highlights; Is it paired with complements or triads; is it its own story - the primary voice in a 2-color quilt.

I am enamored with color - there isn't just 1 color red, blue, etc. - there is so much variety - and with fabric - we have the added nuance of prints, tone on tone, batiks, scale - it's endless and wonderful! It's a reflection of life - that deserves to be seen and cherished. There is no 1 type of flower, 1 type of star, or 1 type of animal or human. Life is boundless - and that creates a sense of awe and wonder. I pray I never cease to see the wonder in life, in color and our creativity and quilting.

I asked a friend what to write about March....she mentioned "The Luck of the Irish".....so let me share the good fortune of being a quilter - that engages in a craft that cherishes the abundance of color, of joining pieces to make a whole design that surrounds us in love and warmth! Quilters truly are blessed!

Jo Miller, President



Just a reminder, we will be doing a Spring gift exchange at the April meeting. Something homemade or no more than \$30.00. Think Spring.

Thanks, Pam

## Retreat Update

The first wave of information was emailed to all attendees on Feb 19th. If you had an outstanding balance, that was sent in a separate email that same day. This is a gentle reminder that the final payment is due no later than the evening of our next meeting. Please mail your payment to me if you can not attend and allow several days for the mail to reach me by March 10th. (Apologies...my postal delivery is unpredictable.) My address is in the email.

-Karen Collin



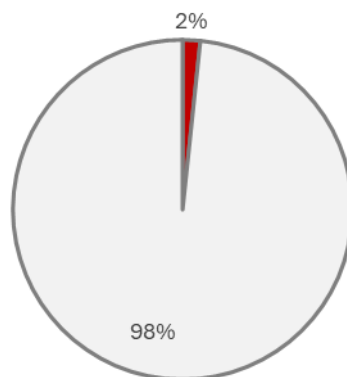
Happy 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, USA! Let's cover the kids at Ronald McDonald House in red, white and blue. Goal is 60 quilts. We'll take them to RMH in June.

Patriotic Cuddle Quilt kits are available. Each kit includes a pattern, fabric for the top, back, binding and a label. If you need batting let me know. 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

### Red, White & Blue Quilts



■ Completed ■ Remaining

## 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



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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)

**Garage full of bins of fabric (flat folds and fq's) available at no charge on Weds March 25th from 9 - 2 (strict closing time). Combined collection from the sewing rooms of several dear friends who have passed away. Kind donations toward the cost of delivery truck appreciated. Address: 166 Elm Street, Imperial Beach. May also enter garage in alley. Questions: call Tamara 619-890-1434**



## 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 March are:**

**Arlene Watters**  
**Kathy Manuel**  
**Pam Davis**



<b>Sunshine Quilters of San Diego Positions</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>2024-2025 Member Name</b>	<b>2025-2026 Member Name</b>
President	Jo Miller	Jo Miller
1st Vice President	Kathy Barnes	Christy Sprecco
2nd Vice President	Christy Sprecco	Celeste McFall
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 February 10, 2026



Jo Miller opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Jo introduced Lenore who is offering fabric. Fabric is either a giveaway or a donation to her ministry, Holy Trinity.

Karen Collin discussed the 2026 Retreat. Karen also discussed Chula Vista Opportunity Quilt offering chances.

Christy Sprecco and Pam Davis shared Puppy Top.

Christy Sprecco Introduced potential change to By Laws regarding the wearing of name tags at meetings. Teresa Wiesendanger 1<sup>st</sup> motion to update certain paragraphs and Jo Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Membership was in agreement.

Christy Sprecco discussed future workshops. The 250<sup>th</sup> America Lecture by Arlene Arnold was well received.

Lorna Bisson discussed People of Color Quilt Show.

Jennifer Phillips asked membership for three volunteers for future meetings to bring snacks. Volunteers received. Jennifer also requested a volunteer to "take charge" of the April Meeting since both she and Gina James will not be available for that meeting.

Kelly Kufa asked for someone to cover BOM in April. Jane St. John turns out will be able to cover this month as previously volunteered.

Show and Share of Jackets was a "run way" showing. Jo Miller, Jean Zuniga, Christy Sprecco, Teresa Wiesendanger, Karen Collin, and Kelly Kufa showed their quilted jackets.

Show and Share by Wendy Knight, Kathy Barnes, Pam Davis, Carol Santos, Sandi Delman, Christy Sprecco, Lorna Bisson, Celeste McFall, and Jo Miller

Pam Hoyt introduced February BOM that is a note. Winner drawn at March meeting. Cost to join is \$1.

Jane St. John won Monthly BOM.

Kelly Kufa won Bimonthly Opportunity.

Door Prizes won by Jennifer Phillips, Jean Zuniga, Teresa Wiesendanger, Kathy Barnes, and Kelly Kufa.

Next meeting March 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>
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 March 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, 1<sup>st</sup> VP / Program Chair

I hope you enjoyed the lecture and trunk show with Arlene Arnold in February as much as I did. She did post a video to her social media with our “fashion show” of coats from the class with Diana Karna.

#### **March** – Linda & Carl Sullivan – Colourworx 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 appliqués 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) – 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 exact 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 web machine appliqué with these easy to create shapes! Students may choose to make either a Mini ModDog, Mod-Cat or Mod Fish in class! Note: The class has a waiting list!

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

**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.

Is anyone planning to go to Houston in November?  
Maybe we can meet up for dinner one night.

- Sherri Necochea



**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!

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**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.



*Quilted Jackets on Parade!*

Those that attended the quilted jacket workshop showed off their product. Everyone was happy with the class and the results.

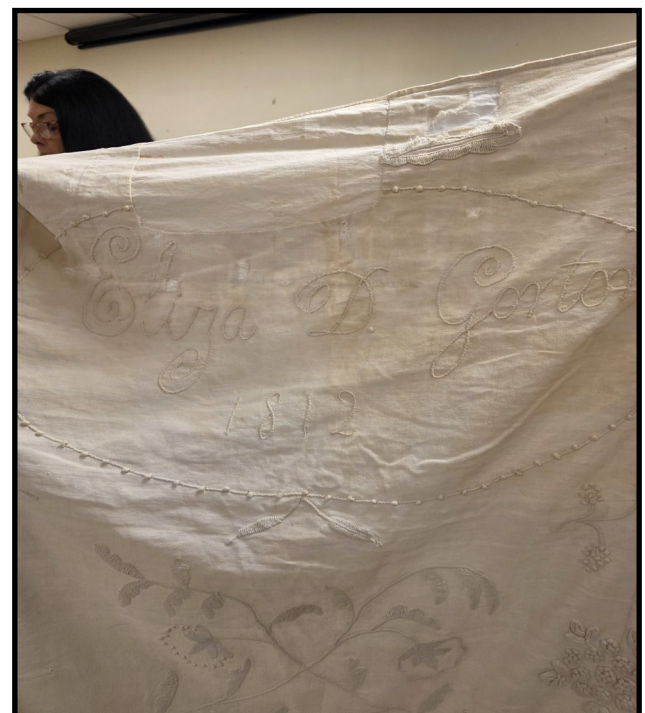




Arlene Arnold delighted the group with an interesting presentation of quilts and women from the past 250-years. These photos are just a small sample of the amazing historical quilts.



Look closely— creators name and date—1812





# SHARING



Jo Miller—Blue charity quilt

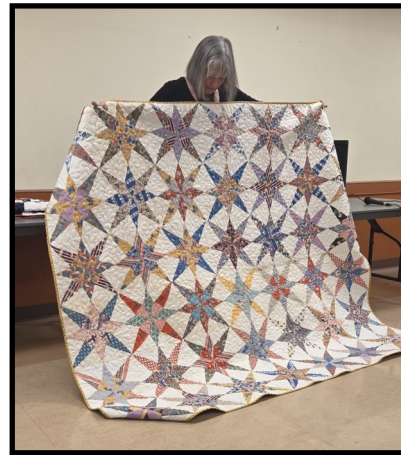
Wendy Knight—Purple, blue feathered Lonestar

Pam Davis—Prairie Paisley

Sandi Delman—Krinkleberry



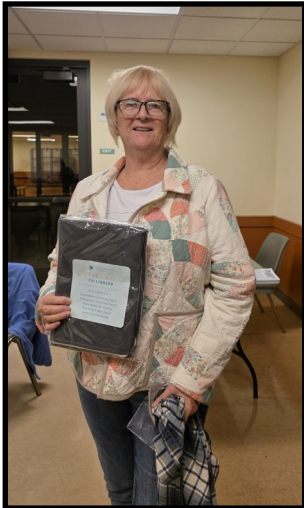
Kathy Barnes shared a year's worth of Welcome Banners. Very Cute!



Carol Santos—Split  
Christy Sprecco—Ballerina quilt  
Celeste McFall—Tulip Time  
Lorna Bisson— Stars, Red/White & Blue, BullsEye



# Lucky Prize Winners!



Last but not least—The Puppy Block quilt top is assembled.







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