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President's Message

Greetings my dear Quilting Friends!

To me, Spring is when we celebrate renewal, hope and the joy of nature's awakening.

Leo Tolstoy said that Spring is the time of plans & projects. For quilters.... every season is a time for plans and projects!

I just returned from a Quilting Cruise - which was also a Birthday celebration for the host/sponsor of the cruise, Barbara Carpenter. It was fabulous! The quilt project of focus was a Judy Niemeyer paper pieced quilt: Cosmic Fireworks. Such a fun project - and I was able to get the center units completed onboard the ship. This one will not be a UFO - though I am now tempted to buy the expansion set to make it a bed quilt versus a large wall hanging - if I can obtain the same or similar enough fabric to do so.

And like most of us, I have 3 other projects in the queue I want to make. My goal is to complete these projects and not have them turn into UFO's!

I planted some tomatoes before the trip - and was welcomed home by 1 lil tomato starting to grow - and lots of blossoms promising more to come.

I feel so blessed that my love of quilting & sewing has been renewed. And even in the troubled times of our country/world - I hold on to HOPE - and am enjoying seeing my garden bloom.

Jo Miller, President



April Birthdays

Carolyn Matthias	4/29
Pat Myers	4/10
Carol Santos	4/10
Nancy Tinker	4/30

March Birthdays

Doreen Barnhart	3/24
Pam Davis	3/23
Jan Hayman	3/05
Arlene Watters	3/25



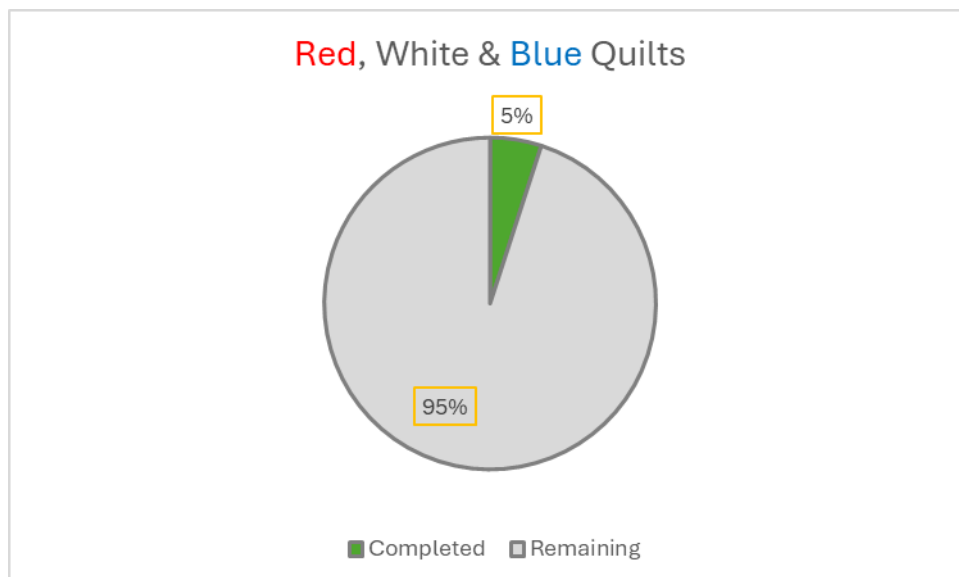
Happy 250th birthday, USA! Let's cover the kids at Ronald McDonald House in red, white and blue. Goal is 60 quilts. We'll take them to RMH in June.

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





LUCKY SEVENS 2026 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 April are:

Jane St John

Kathy Manuel

Hallie Mccoy



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	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
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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 March 10, 2026



No minutes submitted.



Kelly Kufa shared her Mountains quilt and a cute little bag.

Jo Miller shared a quilt she made for her new camper van.



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>
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 April 14.**

**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 the workshop with Linda Sullivan. I am looking forward to seeing all the wonky dogs, cats and fish during sharing in April!

April – Sandi Delman “Bonnie Hunter Trunk Show”. Sandi will take us through her journey of Bonnie Hunter quilts, including all the Mystery Quilts. If you follow her blog she mentioned this, and of course there are always lovely teasers to look at!

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.

I hope you have enjoyed all the programs and workshops this year. Watch for announcements of sew-ins over the summer.

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



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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 Wiesendanger 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.



Editor's Note: I will be stepping down as newsletter editor after the June issue. I have enjoyed the role for many years and look forward to giving another member the opportunity to bring fresh creativity to it.

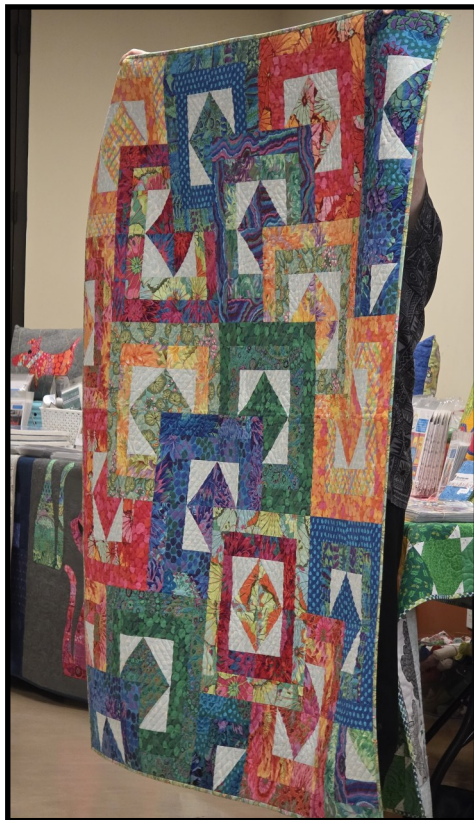
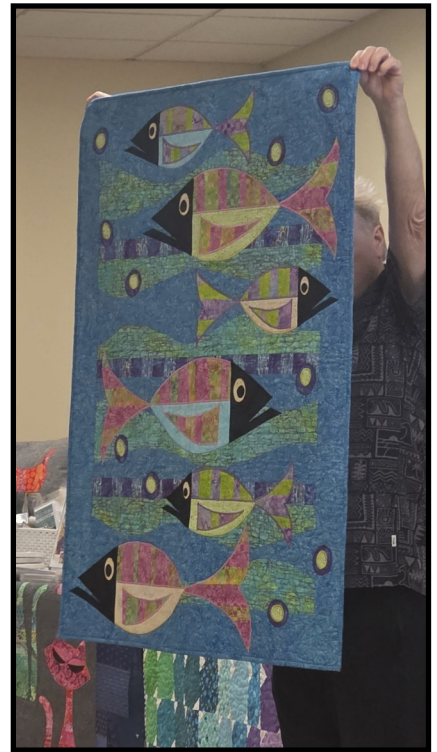
Thanks,

Candi Ravenscraft



Our March speaker was Linda and Carl Sullivan of Colourwerks. They totally delighted us with their bright designs and patterns. Our meeting room was just swathed in color!



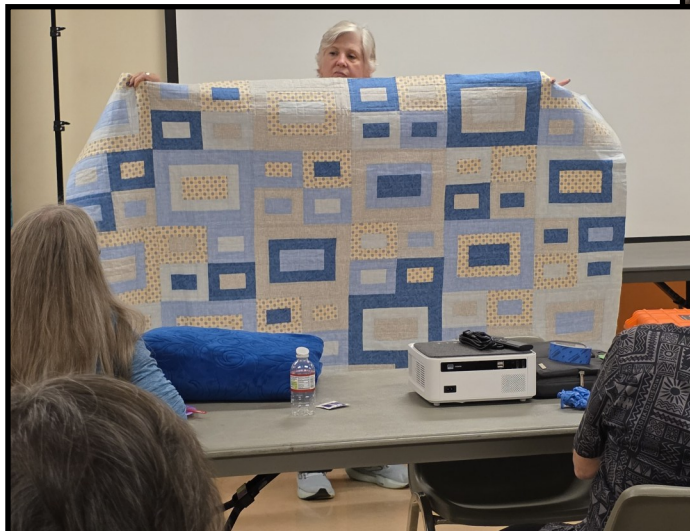




Pam Davis shared her completed quilt jacket, Whispered autumn and Sun drops & Sunflowers



Jane St John shared these lovely blue & yellow and Lime/Navy quilts.





Wendy Knight shared a sunflower wall-hanging.

Sherri Necochea shared an applique quilt for her Great Grand Twins



Christy Sprecco shared Gleaming Red, White & Blue stars

Carolyn Matthias with a beautiful School Girl Sampler



SHARING



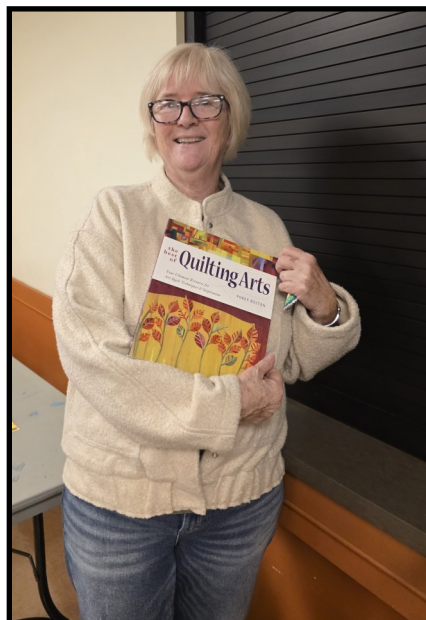
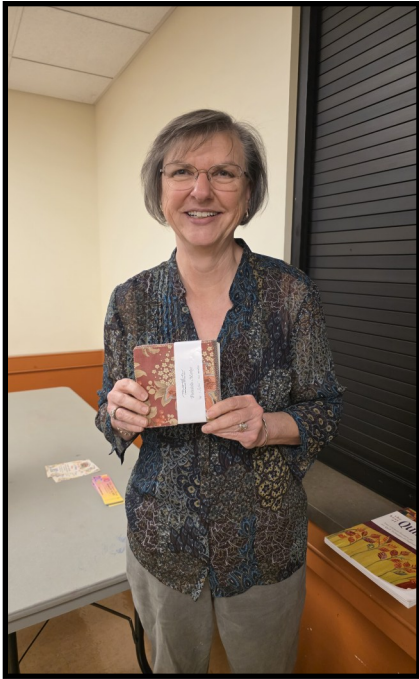
Teresa W, shared a Red, white & Blue cuddle quilt, a little bag, "Fancy Feathers" Table runner, Purple cuddle quilt, Gray stars UFO



??? Who is this???



Lucky Prize Winners!

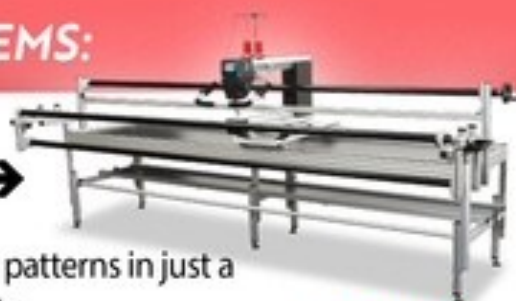


PRICE CUT on these ESSENTIAL ITEMS:

Bernina Q24 →

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For photos and more information, contact Amber Ross at 818-383-7377



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