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President's Message

Welcome to May my dear quilting friends!

For many of us, our mothers and/or grandmothers made quilts. Some sewed our clothing; or taught us to embroider - and thus passed on the love of sewing or the desire to learn to quilt.

When I look at the quilts passed down in my family, I see their love in the thread that weaves my story; every stitch is a memory I cherish.

It is my hope and desire that the quilts we make for others, for the charity quilts we give will instill love and comfort.

This month - as we honor the women in our lives - let us all remember that a mother's love is the quiet magic that makes the world feel safe.

For sharing this month - if you have a quilt or two from your family - please bring them so we can honor their skill and love.

Happy Mother's day to all women, all of us - as we are the ones that make our homes a safe haven.

Jo Miller, President



Summer Sew-ins

Summer is approaching, and we have two Summer Sew-Ins scheduled. I hope there is room in your summer plans to join us for one or both of them.

**Saturday, June 27th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and
Saturday, July 25th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Both will be held in the Community Room at Lake Jennings Park Estates at 9500 Harritt Rd, Lakeside. As we get closer to the dates, I'll put out info on location, map, gate code, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Manuel at 619-823-9707.



May birthdays

Tamara Schneidmiller 5/25



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



LUCKY SEVENS 2026 Reveal



Here we go gals! Next meeting we will see just how creative our members can be! Get ready to vote for your favorite in these categories:

Best use of 7 colors
Best use of 7 techniques
Best cohesive (coordinated/balanced) overall

For participants: please bring your completed project to the next meeting along with a 3x5 card listing the 7 colors, 7 techniques and 7 word or letter title for your quilt. I (Tamara) will need them just prior to the meeting.

All will be revealed on May 12th—see ya then!



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



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 May are:

Tamara Schneidmiller

Doreen Barnhart

Sandi Delman



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
Mailbox Info Table	Carol Santos	Carol Santos
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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 April 14, 2026



Jo Miller opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Christy Sprecco shared Puppy Quilt. Rady Children's Hospital Fur Kids Pet Therapy Program will be happy to accept quilt to use as a fundraiser.

Christy Sprecco requested Nomination Committee for 2026-2027 Guild Year. Jennifer Phillips and Gina James agreed to take on the position.

Karen Collin discussed the 2026 Retreat. Reminded participants of the Gate Code. Also reminded of things to bring. Our group will meet this year in Room 1 versus Room 2 as we have been accustomed to.

Lorna Bisson discussed cuddle quilts. Offered red/white/blue kits.

Lorna Bisson discussed how well the Opportunity Quilt is doing with regard to ticket sales.

Lorna Bisson brought in items from the boutique; offering to membership for free.

Jan Hayman offered chances for the Kaleidoscope Guild Opportunity Quilt.

Show and Share by Kathy Manuel, Pam Davis, Carol Santos, Sandi Delman, Shari Necochea, Karen Collin, Jo Miller, Teresa Wiesendanger, Debbie Lucas, Hallie McCoy, Carolyn Sandoval, Jan Hayman, and Kelly Kufa.

Sandi Delman presented a Trunk Show of Bonnie Hunter Winter Mystery Quilts.

Carolyn Sandoval introduced April BOM that is a tulip. Winner drawn at May meeting. Cost to join is \$1.

Carolyn Sandoval won Monthly BOM.

Lorna Bisson will have chances available for the May/June Bimonthly quilt.

Door Prizes won by Debbie Lucas, Teresa Wiesendanger, Carol Santos, Pam Hoyt, and Doreen Barnhart.

Seasonal Gift Exchange participants were Pam Davis, Doreen Barnhart, Teresa Wiesendanger, Jo Miller, Pamy Hoyt, Sherri Necochea, Tamara Schneidmiller, and Lynn Dear.

Next meeting May 12, 2026

Respectfully submitted by Sandi Delman

**We will be having dinner before the meeting.
Meet at Casa Hacienda , 700 N. Johnson, El Cajon
at 5:00pm on May 12**

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

**See you then
Pam Davis**



UFO challenge 2025/2026

Make a list of 5 to 10 projects 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.

Good luck!

The following members are signed up to organize / provide kits for Block of the Month:

Questions—Please contact Carolyn Sandoval

Month	Member Name
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May	Carolyn Sandoval
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Cuddle Quilts for Ronald McDonald House

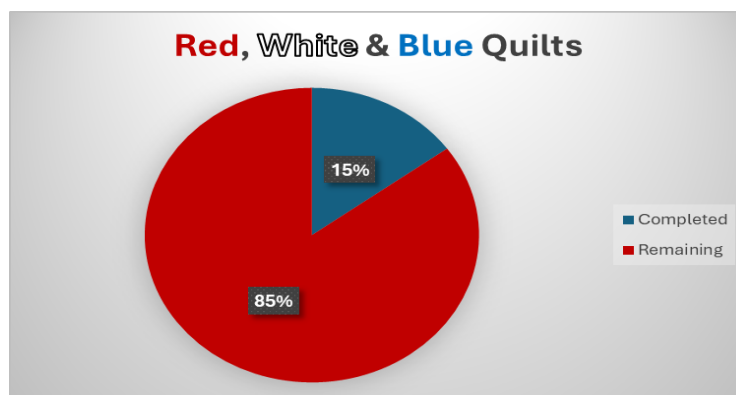
Happy 250th birthday, USA! Let's cover the kids at Ronald McDonald House in red, white and blue. Goal is 60 quilts. We'll take them to RMH in June.

Patriotic Cuddle Quilt kits are available each month. Most kits include a pattern, fabric for the top, back, binding and a label. If you need batting or a label 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 quilts each month. You'll get a ticket for each labeled quilt you turn in for a drawing at the end of the year.

Link to free 3-yard quilts: <https://sewcanshe.com/free-quilt-patterns-for-easy-3-yard-quilts/>

I will probably deliver the quilts to RMH around the end of June.

Thanks, Lorna



2026 Programs and Workshops

Christy Sprecco, 1st VP / Program Chair

Special thanks to Sandi Delman for sharing her Bonnie Hunter Mystery quilts with us last month.

May – Sandi Miller will be our speaker for the evening. She will share some reflections and stories about her time with the guild. Sandi is a past president (2000-2003). Challenge quilts are also due in May. Be sure to participate in the voting. We

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!



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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.



Lucky Prize Winners

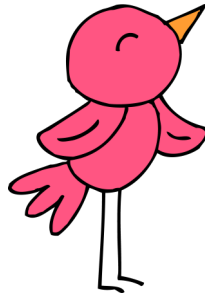


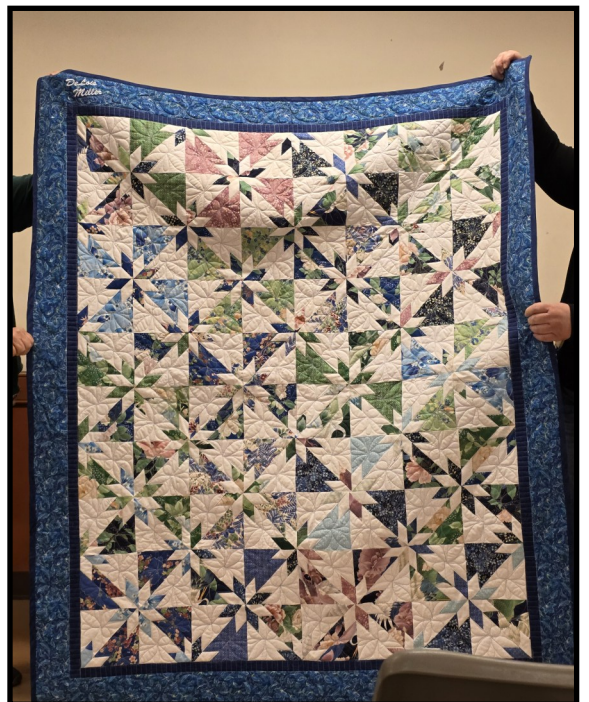
Some members participated in
the seasonal gift swap.



Lots of Sharing





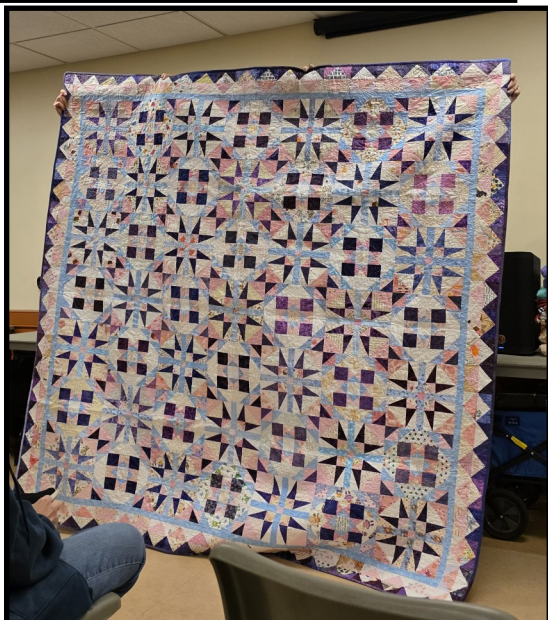




Sandi Delman was our speaker for April. She shared her journey with Bonnie Hunter Mystery Quilts.









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