

# Kaleidoscopic Voices

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**This month our meeting  
is at the Masonic Lodge.**

**Please join us!**



Peggy Couvrette, President

## President's Message

Happy Easter! I hope everyone is doing well. What a week the guild had. Thank you Kathryn Diamond and Kathy Smith for negotiating the fabric deal. Diane Hamann, Julie Reyes, Melanie Ellsworth, Kathy Smith and myself picked up the fabric and Diane organized all the loose pieces. It does take a village and this village knows how to work! Our guild members and friends were given a great deal. The rest was donated to wonderful causes. Please see the thank you note from Marj McDonough.

We have a great speaker this week for our meeting. Hope to see you there.

Peggy



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

4/18 – General meeting at the Masonic Lodge. Doors open 12:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. This month's presentation will be "The Shape of Bargello" made by Jeff Warner.

5/3 – Guild Board meeting online on ZOOM. All are welcome. Contact Peggy for information about connecting to the ZOOM meeting. Starts 6:30 p.m.

5/17 - General meeting at the Masonic Lodge. Doors open 12:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. This month's presentation will be "Making Scrappy Quilts Fresh" made by Sandy Corbin.

6/7 – Guild Board meeting online on ZOOM. All are welcome. Contact Peggy for information about connecting to the ZOOM meeting. Starts 6:30 p.m.

6/21 – General meeting at the Masonic Lodge. Doors open 12:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. This month's presentation will be "Creativity – Has someone stolen yours?" made by Jean Impey.

7/5 – Guild Board meeting online on ZOOM. All are welcome. Contact Peggy for information about connecting to the ZOOM meeting. Starts 6:30 p.m.

7/19 – General meeting at the Masonic Lodge. Doors open 12:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. This month's presentation will be "Using Up those Scraps", Guild Presentation.

7/22 – Guild workshop using concepts discussed at the July meeting presentation "Using Up those Scraps". Save the date. More information to follow.

### Our April Birthdays

**Arleene Beckhusen 4/4**  
**Mary Weflen 4/7**  
**Karen Brixner 4/23**  
**Connie Close 4/25**  
**Nancy O'Connell 4/28**  
**Dorothy McRann 4/30**

**Kaleidoscope Website is  
available for viewing:**

[www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com](http://www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com)

### Kaleidoscope Monthly General Meetings

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Lemon Grove Masonic Center,  
2590 Main St., Lemon Grove, CA.

### Kaleidoscope Monthly Board Meetings

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Meeting online with ZOOM.

### Who to Call:

President: Peggy Couvrette 619-846-4210

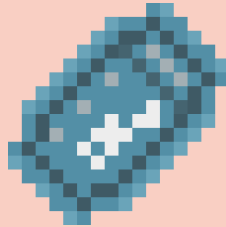
Newsletter: Debbie Sherrell 619-277-2672

Programs/Workshops: Robyn Phelps 619-971-1099

## Opportunity Quilt 2023 Outings in April and May

Just a reminder that we will be showing our opportunity quilt and selling tickets at Rosie's Calico Cupboard on Saturday, April 15 and April 22. We will also be participating and showing our quilt at the Cuyamaca Spring Festival and Plant sale on May 6. Think about signing up to help at these events.

The Chula Vista Quilt Guild will be bringing their opportunity quilt and tickets to our April meeting.

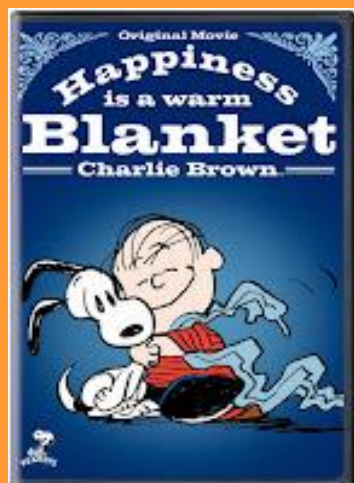


## Quilt Show Boutique Kits Available

We have quilt kits available for tortilla warmers and two sizes of microwave bowls. We will have them at the next meeting. If you would like to donate items to sell at the boutique we would love to have them. The items need to be handmade and new.

## Dress Warmly for the Meeting!

Well as the weather is all over the place, please dress warm the lodge can be chilly. If it looks like it will be cold Peggy will bring some quilts to wrap up in.



# Three Cheers for Kaleidoscope Quilters – Making a Huge Difference in Bolt Project

By Marj McDonough – Volunteer KSAlive, SD Dress A Girl

No Fooling on April 1, 2023! Out of the Blue, President Peggy Couvrette called Marj McDonough to offer FREE bolts of cotton to the networks of SD Dress A Girl and Keep Sewing Alive.

After receiving Peggy's URGENT call to pick up fabric, several fabric warriors rushed to Peggy's garage to make all bolts disappear within hours.

## Thanks a million to the generosity of this guild, many sewists will benefit and keep stitching:

- Beginning students in San Diego Continuing Ed will be making Christmas motif lounge pants in July!
- Summer Sewing Camp at El Cajon Salvation Army-Teens will be making cotton pajamas this summer.
- Bridge Builders Afghan sewing class: Seamstress Moms will be making girls' dresses.
- Your fabric may be transformed into a "First New Dress" on its way to Tanzania or Baja School/Orphanage @ Rancho Santa Marta or to San Diego homeless program.

## Future projects and Contacts:

- Essential Yardage- adult ed: Tailoring fabric for jackets & trousers, Cotton lounge pants & tailored shirt, Jenne H Kaufman, [jenehill1@cox.net](mailto:jenehill1@cox.net), h.619-281-0992.
- Teen camp fabric, machines & teaching assistance: Andrea Towle, c. 916-276-1824, El Cajon resident, former Home Ec teacher volunteers as Sewing Instructor in 3 programs!
- SD Dress A Girl Project-sewing dresses for impoverished girls globally. Details on Facebook. Michalee Sloan, Pink Daisy Studio, 619-302-6068
- Bridge Builders, Kyle Becchetti, Refugee Sewing Class @ 231 West Douglas, EC. Cell: 619-654-3234

**Used Sewing Machine Donation:** Marj McDonough, Keep Sewing Alive. Most portable machines will be serviced and repaired by volunteer repairmen at no service charge. These machines will be adopted by eager sewists in the above programs. Marj McDonough, c. 619-851-7133, [marj42oz@gmail.com](mailto:marj42oz@gmail.com)

Huge thanks to everyone behind the scenes for making The fabrics BOLT out the garage including: Peggy Couvrette, Kathryn Diamond, Kathy Smith, Glen Baker, Maureen Parker (SD Dress A Girl Liaison with Guilds) and Helen Dicheck, KSAlive & DAG.

Let's Keep Sewing AND Quilting Alive by distributing excess fabric NOW to save our valuable fabric from the landfill AND moth storage units!

Happy Spring and Happy Seams!

# **APRIL Program**

## **The Shape of Bargello**

**By Robyn Phelps**

**Jeff Warner will show the different styles of Bargello Construction and the shapes they create. Through pictures and a trunk show, he will take you on a creative journey that led him to begin making his unique Kaleidoscope Bargello quilts.**



**What is a Zebra with a Head Cold - Jeff Warner's quilt**





## April 2023 PHILANTHROPY

I want to thank Kathy Smith and Anna Lancia for donating quilts at our March meeting. There was one other beautiful quilt donated - but I don't know who made it. Let me know if the blue quilt below is yours. 😊

A big shout-out to Kathryn Diamond, Peggy Couvrette, Kathy Smith, Julie Reyes & Diane Hamann for all the various efforts in rescuing 300 bolts of quilting fabric. W@OW!!!! A lot of people benefitted from their effort, including our own guild philanthropy, and several other volunteer groups as well who support sewing in our area.

While in Peggy's garage Saturday, I met a lady from San Diego Dress a Girl. It is a philanthropic group that makes simple dresses for 3<sup>rd</sup> world little girls - saying that each little girl deserves a beautiful dress. Do any of you know about this project - or are you involved in it? If so - please let me know.

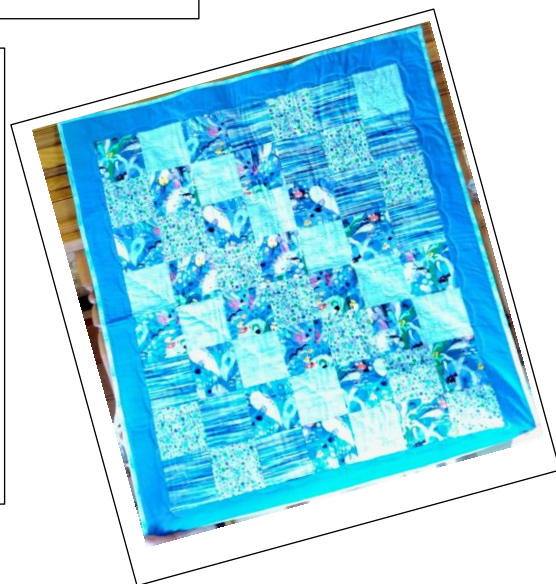
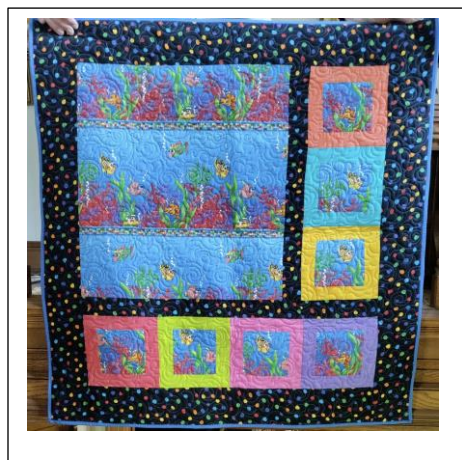
I went home Saturday, after the bolts of fabric had all been whisked away from Peggy's garage to homes that will love and use them. I had such a good feeling for our guild and for quilters in general - for your generosity and caring attitude, for willingly stepping up and getting a project done. It was a very warm and happy feeling. Thank you all! I belong to a great guild!!!!

I have a philanthropy quilt kit for you - all ready to be sewn. Stop by the table at our meeting. See you there!

Keep those sewing machines whirling!

Marilyn Carnes (Roseway@cox.net), Marilyn Helkenn, Mary Weflen

## March Philanthropy quilts.



## Let Art Inspire You – A Quilt Challenge for 2023

For our 2023 Quilt Challenge you are asked to choose a work of art, famous or not so famous, and let something in that artwork inspire you in making your challenge quilt. It can be the colors in the art, the shapes or textures. It can be the theme of the piece or it be an element in the art. Please do not make a replica of the artwork. It is meant to be your starting point, the inspiration for your own work of art!

Required guidelines:

1. No larger than 180” around the perimeter of the quilt. That is 45” square or any combination of measurements that total 180” or less.
2. The quilt must be quilted.
3. Your entry into the show must be accompanied by a photo of the artwork that inspired your quilt.

An example from another guild’s challenge is included below. The artwork is “Starry Night” by Vincent Van Gogh and the inspired quilt is by Cath of Wombat Quilts in Australia. The deadline for the challenge will be the same as that for our quilt show which will be announced at a later date. It is usually in September. If you have any questions send me an email at

[kbrixner62@gmail.com](mailto:kbrixner62@gmail.com).



# *Razzle Dazzle Quilt Retreat 2023*

## *August 31 to September 3*



The cost is \$455 for 4 days and 3 nights of quilting fun at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula wine country. The retreat center just notified us of a price increase of \$4 per meal so \$455 is the new cost of the retreat. They will be providing 8 meals. At this time all rooms are doubles. The second deposit of \$100 will be taken this month, a third deposit of \$100 in May and a final payment of \$155 will be taken in July. If you are unable to be at a meeting you can mail your payment to *Pat Gailband 2835 Silvia, Bonita, CA 91902*



The retreat will begin Thursday August 31 at 4:30. Dinner will be served at 5:30. Besides Thursday evening we'll have all day Friday and Saturday and Sunday morning to sew. The retreat is over at 2:00 PM Sunday.



You can't ask for better sewing companions. It's tons of fun and we get lots of sewing done.



*So get your bling on and lets have some razzle dazzle fun!*



# Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild

## Treasurer's Report, March, 2023

<b>Treasurer's Report, March 2023</b>	
<b>Balance, March 1, 2023</b>	<b>\$16,484.48</b>
<b>(Includes Retreat Deposits of \$3,020)</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Memberships</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Opportunity Quilt</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Retreat Deposits</b>	<b>\$855.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$955.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Check #2201 LGMTA - March Rent</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Check #2202 Colourwerx/L. Sullivan - March Program</b>	<b>\$597.81</b>
<b>Check #2203 Spring Festival/Water Conservation Garden</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$732.81</b>
<b>Balance, March 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$16,706.67</b>



# General Meeting Minutes

## March 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Peggy. Karen Brixner reported on membership. She called the people who had not yet paid their dues and asks those people to send her their dues money.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on February 1, 2023 was \$13,166.54, Total income for the month was \$3,695, This includes \$325, in Opportunity quilt tickets and \$3,020, in retreat deposits. Expenses for the month were zoom renewal, February rent, Hospitality expenses, and opportunity quilt expenses for a total of \$377.06.

Our balance as of Feb. 28,2023 was \$16,484.48.

### Programs:

April Jeff Warner--The Shape of Bargello

May Sarah Corbin--Making Scrappy Quilts Fresh

June --Jean Impey-- Creativity --Has someone stolen Yours

July--Using up those Scraps --Workshop July 22-- using 2 1/2 inch straps

The Schmetz needle workshop was very informative. It was recorded and you can watch it on Google drive

Robin is working on the schedule of programs for 2024.

Philanthropy: Be sure to put a ticket in the jar when you turn your philanthropy quilts in. Marilyn is going to try Hobbs batting deal. You can help if you buy their batting by turning in the square from their 80-20 batting.

April 15 and 22 we will be selling tickets to win our opportunity quilt at Rosie's . We will also be selling chances at the Cuyamaca Spring Festival on May 6. We need a popup and people to help set up and sell tickets. We also need people to sign up to sell tickets at Rosie's.

Because of Peggy's upcoming leg surgery, she will need people to set up and take down for our once a month meetings for several months. Please sign up if you can help with this need.

Arleene needs people to sign up to bring refreshments for our meetings.

Mary Weflen  
Secretary