



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY QUILT GUILD

Promoting the art of quilting through sharing, friendship, education, and meaningful service to our community.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey all!

Another great meeting has come and gone. I was able to catch the speaker, Claudia Dallas Gomez and the Color Story. It just made me want to go home and play with different color schemes!

This guild has been so kind giving time to events in our community with lovingly made quilts and expecting nothing in return. I am so proud to call myself a friend of all of you. Thank you all for helping where you can without even a thought; you truly bring warmth to my heart.

Events happening soon:

March 19- Habitat for Humanity could use some people to sew labels on quilts from 9AM-2PM

April 22+23- At the **Cowboy Festival**, we will have a booth so don't forget to come and enjoy all the delicious food, great music, and cowboy history of our valley while also supporting our guild!

Although I missed the exciting news at the board meeting, (thank you Kris for filling in for me) the amazing Donna Chipperfield has received on behalf of the guild a wonderful donation from the Rotary Club. Thanks to the Rotary Club! We can continue working on donation quilts for our various community groups and bring more warmth to our area.

Our next meeting will have the guest speaker Cindy Abrams, **Panelmania**. How many of us have those cute panels we need to do something with? I can't wait to find out some new tricks for all those panels!

Debby Williams has graciously taken the position of Opportunity Quilt Mom! She has ordered pictures and tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. Don't forget to bring your cash for this gorgeous quilt!

My U.F.O. count so far: 4 done, 3 tops done, and 4 projects for others. A little bit of a slow start so far, but hopefully kicking it into gear in March.

The Quilt show for 2018 will be booked soon so don't forget to QUILT, QUILT, QUILT!!

Best Stitches,
Denise Rifilato

PROGRAMS

Once again, we have a great speaker this month – Cindy Abrams will treat us to her presentation on “Panelmania” so we can get some ideas on how to work with those pre-printed panels that we all have. I know you’ll want to be at the meeting for this. We are having our own workshop on Saturday, March 11th, from 9 to 3. The workshop will be held at the Valencia Raquet Club Community Room – 27055 Rio Bosque, Valencia.

We have a great Community Service meeting coming up in April! And in May, our speaker is Tina Curran, who will tell us about her “Excellent Adventure as a Quilter” I’m wondering if Keenu Reeves was involved at all....

She will also be teaching a workshop for the Camarillo Guild that we are invited to attend called “Whimsical Garden” – a quilt she says she never tires of making (this is her 6th version) Here is a sample of what that project looks like:



Keep on Quilting!

Sue Grannis

MEMBERSHIP

A special welcome to our NEW members: Kathy DeChellis, Doryce Fitzgerald, and Pamela Skaggs!

Be sure to look for them at the meetings and introduce yourself.

We are looking forward to seeing all our members at the March meeting on the 9th. Be sure to wear your name badge and wear something GREEN to enter this month’s attendance drawing!

We hope to have the 2017 Membership Directory ready to pass out along with your 2017 membership cards. Be sure to sign in and pick yours up. Thanks and think Green! Thanks and welcome to 2017! Wear your name tags!!

Linda von Mohr & Patty Gutierrez

JOIN THE IFFI GROUP!

Join the IFFI (I Finally Finished It!) group and clean out those unfinished projects!

Cost: \$10

Rules:

List ten things you want to finish between now and December. These items need to be quilting/sewing related. Teach that Grandchild to sew something, finish that apron, finish that quilt etc.

You receive a ticket for each of the ten items you finish. The more you finish the more tickets you put in the jar. Finish at your own pace. One a month or all in one month.

At the December Meeting we will draw the winner. The winner receives half of the pot. Which is half of the sign-up fee.

Right now, we have 8 committed. Don't miss out!!

Happy Finishing!!

Joyce Wilkinson

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS GALORE

Do you have a passion, a joy in helping others? We have a number of new opportunities as well as some on-going ones where you can help in small or large ways. You can use your own fabric, or, bring your pattern and shop in the community service storage unit. Whichever choice you make, the guild will provide batting, backing and binding fabric if you ask either Dana or myself. We do need quilters as well as toppers so we can make these items and get them to those who need them.

Dana and I have been talking to a variety of people associated with the Cal Vet programs located on the VA campus in LA. I am working with the contact's replacement to determine where we would bring contributions. One thing everyone has emphasized is that we need to make most of the articles in masculine colors and themes. The patriotic colors cover everyone of course, but it is not necessary that they be red/white and blue. Right now we have three opportunities:

1) Twin Bed quilts max size 60x80. These are what most of the blocks from the last two years will be used to make. I am setting up a "come help cut sashing etc." day to effectively make kits for tops. It would be for about 3-4 hours and could include someone cutting and someone sewing, ironing or kitting. I have at least one volunteer Wednesday - Friday March 10th is available.

2) Lap or Wheelchair quilts - a maximum of 100 are needed - we can provide as many as we choose. This is for a special care facility that is being expanded to assist vets who have trouble or cannot care for themselves. These quilts need to be mostly masculine in color and theme.

Because of being used in the wheelchairs, they need to be fairly close to 36x48. This will allow them to avoid catching in the wheels and still cover legs. You can make your own patterns, or I may have some blocks from BOM and other contributions that could be used. Again, we will gladly provide fabric for patterns, backs and binding as well as batting so you can finish them.

3) Clothing Protectors - Dana has a pattern. We will be cutting kits for these on March 10th. We are using fabrics to create two-sided protection.

I am hoping you want to come participate in our cutting "party". Check with us at guild night if you have questions. Looking forward to working with any of you who would like to help in these areas. Don't forget to check out the community service table in the back where all of our ongoing projects are available.

Patti Voyles - email: patti.voyles@att.net or 661-878-5724

Dana Montague - email: mdlsmontague@sbcglobal.net or 818-642-3072 *Patti Voyles* - email:

COMMUNITY SERVICE – SENIOR CENTER

Thank you to all of our members who turned in items for the Senior Center. Numbers were amazing!!!!!!

23- placemats made but need binding

19- completed placemats

2-wheelchair quilts 1- needs binding

2-shawls quilts

Please come again next month to the community service table and pick up more items. Thank You again for all your hard work.

Our SCVQG sent 6 quilts and 13 blocks to Orlando Florida. We received this THANK YOU CARD from the Modern Quilt Guild:

Thank you for being part of the Quilts for Pulse Project. Your contribution brought Love and comfort to the Orlando Community.

Deep Appreciation,

Orlando MQG

Carol Carter

NEWS FROM SCCQG

To assist your Program person, please go to the SCCQG (Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds) web site and tab **TEACHERS**. You will be able to read a short description of each teacher, program and workshop. Make note of your interests and pass them to Sue Grannis or myself so that we can plan a great 2018 addenda. If you do this before Meet the Teachers April 8 we will be able to talk with them at the meeting and get our booking.

Meet the Teachers

April 8 9:30 - 2
801 E. Carson Street
Carson, Ca.

If you plan to attend and want a box lunch, it must be ordered by March 15.
Call me for a form, or pack a sandwich.

Linda Beusching

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barbara Spencer and her family. Daughter Kathleen Jochimsen was just diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep the Spencer/Jochimsen family in your prayers.

Send your Sunshine and Shadow to Joyce Wilkinson at quiltnforyou@gmail.com'

Joyce Wilkinson

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

Here are some Southern California Quilt shows that are coming soon – Mark your calendars!

High Desert Quilt Guild – March 3, 10-5 and March 4, 10-4 - Desert Empire Fairgrounds
Mesquite Hall, Ridgecrest, Ca

Presenting a Quilt Exhibit - March 11, 10 – 4 - Featured Artist Margarete Heinisch - Canoga Park Elks Lodge, 20925 Osborne St, Canoga Park, Ca

The Best of the Valley Regional Quilt Show – April 7-9 – Lindsay, (near Visalia), CA – Visit www.botvquilts.com for more details

San Fernando Valley Quilt Assn. and Valley Quilmakers Guild Annual Show – May 6-7 – Van Nuys. Visit www.quiltinginthevalley.com for more information.

WAYS AND MEANS

Well, members – nice turn out for our February meeting. Very interesting on talk on Color by our guest speaker Claudia Dallas Gomez.

We had very good participation with our Ways and Means Basket Chances. We took in \$194.00. So, now we are off to a good start for 2017 for our guild.

Our lucky winners were Kathy Foster who won the Pirate Basket, Tina who took home the Sweet Treats Basket, and Anna K. who won the Red with Blacks and Whites with Blacks Basket. Our thank-you gifts went to Patty Vergon, Rita Rippe and Linda K. Thank You to all who participated.

Please remember as you clean out your stash remember your guild.

Happy sewing,

Debbie Williams and Ellie Smith

HOSPITALITY

Don't go mad in March – bring snacks to the guild meeting instead!

O-Z Members please bring sweets and treats!

As usual The Hospitality Committee will supply drinks. (water, lemonade & tea)

Dolores, Kendra and Barbara

OPPORTUNITY QUILT 2017

As noted in the President's message, Debbie Williams is this year's Opportunity Quilt Mom – she will get the tickets printed and assembled and will arrange the showing of the quilt at various venues around the area.

Sue Grannis

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Carolyn Short was the winner of the Block of the Month drawing in February – Congrats, Carolyn!

And, Wow! We are off to a great start with our new Block of the Month - CityScape. Linda Buesching has already turned in 3 blocks!

We will be working on CityScapes March, April and May...that gives you plenty of time to turn in those blocks or rows whichever you want to do. You receive 1 ticket for each block (8 buildings) or 3 tickets for one row (24 buildings). Our CityScapes quilts are going to go to the Veteran's that use wheel chairs. They will love them.

Block of the Month 2017

Building a cityscape **March, April and May**

Each "city block" is 48" long and can be 15-16" high.

Select 24 strips that are 2 1/2" wide and from 5" to 12" tall. (It is a good idea to make a building on the end 3" wide to leave a bit of wiggle room.)

Place the strips side by side in a pleasing pattern on your table. Even up the bottom of each building on a table edge and place a ruler or stick on the table 16" from the edge bottom to give you an idea of where the sky will end. Select a sky color. You will need from 12" to 18" of fabric selvage to selvage. Cut the sky strips 2 1/2" wide. Place a strip at the top of a building with about an inch overlap. Cut the sky strip to end at your 16" mark. Do this with 6 or 8 buildings; sew the sky pieces on, and sew this block of buildings together. (I found it easier to finish sections rather than the entire block.)

Continue this process until all sky strips are attached and buildings sewn together. The lap quilt should finish at 48 1/2" wide. Once all your strips—buildings/sky—are sewn together, even off the sky across the entire row.

Add any embellishments to personalize the row.

8 Buildings = 1 Block = 1 ticket

1 row 24 buildings = 3 tickets

Joyce Wilkinson 661-753-7865

In December, we will draw for some great prizes...one will be one of the quilts that we have made this year. So, make those blocks and earn those tickets!!

Joyce Wilkinson

MINI-GROUPS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Meeting Information</i>
Saturday Quilters***	Mary Beth Will 323-387-2260	Meets last Saturday of Month 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at church behind Goodwill. Attendees split \$50 fee and share snacks
Super Star Quilters ***	Patti Voyles 259-6198	Meets first and third Tuesday 7 p.m. - rotating member's home
Cut-Up Mini Group (full for now)	Joyce Wilkinson	Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month
Monday Mavens ***	Kris Dolan 296-7573	Meets first and third Mondays 9 am to 3 pm (We lunch at La Cocina) Call to verify location
The Tuesday Evening Quilters***	Carolyn Walker 661-296-0402	Meets every Tuesday evening at 5:45 PM Greenbrier Estates East Mobile Home Park – Recreation Room 21301 Soledad Canyon Rd.

*** indicates membership is open. If you want to attend a meeting, we recommend calling to be sure that nothing has changed since this listing

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Things to Remember:

- ❖ **Next meeting, March 9th**
- ❖ Initial sign-in sheet at the door
- ❖ Verify your contact information.
- ❖ Wear your name tag
- ❖ Bring your Potluck Dishes
- ❖ Bring Show and Share quilts

This Month's Calendar:

March 9, 2017, 7:00 PM

Monthly Meeting

Santa Clarita United Methodist Church

26640 Bouquet Canyon Road

Saugus, CA.

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 6:30 PM

Business Meeting at the Newhall Public Library



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www.scvquiltguild.org

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