



# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY QUILT GUILD

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*Our mission is to stimulate an interest in quilts, to promote and advance the art of quilt making, to conduct educational programs and services in the design techniques and preservation of quilts and quilt making; and to promote quilting in philanthropic endeavors.*

## 2023 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Saying goes “April Showers bring May Flowers”, but in the Guild’s world, April Activities Bring Future Speakers!

First of all, I can’t say enough about the March General Meeting and the awesome enthusiasm shown throughout the night. What fun with birthday cake, sound makers, tiaras, and of course the Quilt Walk with Show and Share. I am still smiling.

Thank you to Melissa and Carol who hosted the Binding Workshop on Saturday March 18 (National Quilting Day). Our intent is to offer workshops that teach skills needed for quilting and using our community service projects as a learning tool. Stay tuned for future workshops and for the theme of the monthly Stitch and Chat mini group.

April is FULL of activities to help the Guild and to get to know each other. The Guild is looking for volunteers. Sign up was good for both the Cowboy Festival (4/22-23) and Home and Garden Show (4/29-30) at the March meeting. There are still openings for volunteers primarily from 1-4, 4-6 for Cowboy and 12-2 and 2-5 for Home and Garden. The Opportunity Quilt will be on display both places so some of the volunteers will be promoting raffle sales and collecting money. Sign-ups will be available at the April meeting.

The multiple boutique activities will enable the Guild to contract with outside speakers for the 2024 Program Year. Carol Carter and Melissa Nilsen will be attending (via zoom) the annual “Meet the Teachers” which the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds (SCCQG) organizes for our (and other guild’s) benefit.

May you have Happy Quilting with Happy Quilters!  
Marcia

## PROGRAMS -

### SewPowerful Purse - April 13, 2023

Doryce Fitzgerald will be speaking on the Sew Powerful Purse Project and the impact that we as guild members can have to each of these young women in Africa. We as members, can make a difference. Last year, we as a guild, made 209 purses. Let's see if we can top that total!

The Purse project workshop will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> in Sara's Multi-Purpose Room. This is a FREE workshop. Kits are available at the April meeting.



## SARA'S MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM LOCATION INFO

For all events and workshops being held at: Sara's Multi-Purpose Room - Bouquet Canyon Apartments - 26705 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Saugus

The Complex is located across the street from the church we hold our monthly meetings. The room is spacious offering a nice venue to hold our workshops. Parking is very limited, so we recommend carpooling, and drop off your sewing machines and supplies at the multi-purpose room before looking for parking. Participants can park in the Bouquet Canyon Plaza shopping center next to the apartments. There is parking available by the Trek Bicycle shop and a short walk across the bridge into the apartment complex. Please bring your lunch and drinks with you. As an option, there are several fast-food places close by.

### Kathryn Pellman's Workshop – March 11th

Paper dolls for grownups was fun. We had 8 members that attended. We had a great time creating our own fashionista's. Please share yours at the next guild meeting.

Carol Carter  
 Programs



Made by Jean Carter



Made by Carol Carter

### Binding Workshop – March 18th

We had 9 members join us to learn two different techniques on how to apply binding to place mats.

We want to thank Melissa for taking the lead for this workshop and Debbie Ackerman for preparing the binding kits. Each member was successful in doing beautiful binding.

Carol Carter  
 Workshop Chairman

## LONG BEACH QUILT SHOW

We have the opportunity to sell tickets for our fabulous Opportunity Quilt at the Long Beach Quilt Show July 6 - 8. At Road to California, we sold over \$500 worth of tickets! This is a great way to raise funds. In return the guild needs to provide 20 hours of volunteer time. It is in 2-hour blocks spread over the 3 days. Please contact me if you are available to volunteer for Long Beach or help sell tickets.

Thank you,  
Doryce Fitzgerald

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

I hope you are all enjoying seeing your hard work pay off when I show the quilt tops completed from the blocks you have sewn. The group effort of these quilts is such a wondrous thing! I trust you agree that BOM blocks are a perfect way to practice your skills, try something new, and contribute to our community service quilts. Keep up the good work.

This month we are continuing with the "Valencia" block. If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call!

Have fun with this block!

Darlene Stump  
Block of the Month Chairman

## GUILD CHALLENGE – PLACEMAT CHALLENGE

The Challenge is for all members to try to make 1 placement per month.

We are aiming for a 13"x18" finished size. You can pick up a kit or use your own scraps and/or orphan blocks. You can bind it or not, as we have people who love to do binding.

Remember you will receive raffle tickets for turning in a placemat.

Thank you for participating!

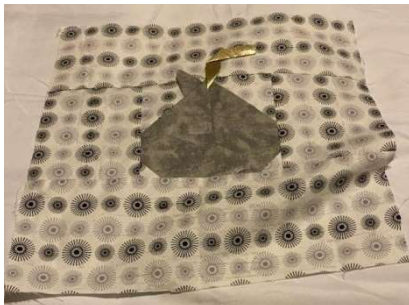
## GUILD CHALLENGE

Hello to all you Candy Bar Challenge Quilters!

Last month we challenged you to create a 12 ½" (raw) block that depicts your favorite candy. Well, "sweethearts", there's still plenty of time to "musketeer" up and make one. It can be any style, any technique, any color, any "m and m", that is method or madness! All blocks are due at the May meeting, so get your thinking caps on and "penny twist" the night away. Then we'll blow y'all "kisses" and smiles.

For more details, please go to the Guild website ([scvquiltguild.org](http://scvquiltguild.org)) and check out the March newsletter. Other questions? Feel free to contact any of us (we're in the directory). Enjoy the pictures for inspiration.

Barbara S, Judy C, Gabrielle L



## 2024 OPPORTUNITY QUILT

If you took kits for the 2024 Opportunity Quilt at the March meeting, please bring the finished blocks back in April.

Thanks,

Melissa Nilsen  
2024 Opportunity Quilt Chairman

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

We had so many completed items returned at the guild meeting this past meeting! We are very excited by the participation of our guild in sewing various projects to gift various community organizations.

Thanks for all of your assistance in readying quilts. I delivered 15 various sized quilts to a fellow non-profit organization, Finally Family. This organization works with youth 18-24 aging out of foster care.

Thank you for all you do to contribute to our neighboring communities!

Dana Montague

## COMMUNITY SERVICE – SCV SENIOR CENTER & PREGNENCY CENTER

What a wonderful birthday celebration we had last month. It really was fun! I loved seeing everyone's quilts at our first, and hopefully, not the last quilt walk as part of our celebration.

And the community service table was really hopping with 53 finished place mats turned in. Everyone is really stepping up to the challenge of a placemat a month. Keep it up and we are sure to meet our goal for the senior center. We also received 24 place mats that need binding. Hope you can use your new skills from the binding workshop on them. As well, we had 1 shawl, 2 lap quilts, and a large quilt turned in for the senior center.

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, I took 12 bundles over to the Pregnancy Center each. Each bundle contained a quilt, receiving blanket, bib, burp cloth and some extra items like hats, and socks. As always, they were very happy to be able to pass these items on to the families they serve. At the last meeting we also had 15 bibs and 3 baby quilts turned in. Thanks so much for your continued hard work.

Congratulations to the drawing winner's: Barbara Montejo, Barbra Schnepf, Brandy Abernethy and Jeanne Bretthauer.

I look forward to seeing you all in April, where we will have another drawing. Good luck and keep on quilting.

Thanks so much and keep on sewing

Debbie Ackerman

## COMMUNITY SERVICE – VETERAN’S PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who has been supplying new quilts, large and small to give to the vets. I will be contacting Pamela White at the CalVet facility to see when it would be a good time for us to come visit. We will be able to take whatever we have collected to them at that time. Currently I am thinking sometime in May would give us time to finish a few more projects.

Patti Voyles  
Quilt Coordinator

## TRASH TO TREASURE / AUCTION

Our July 13th, Guild Meeting will be our new Trash to Treasure/Auction event. In the past our great member, Barbara Montejo, has graciously given up her garage to store all the items for the Block Auction. She has done that for 15-20 years. We want to give Barbara a huge Thank-you for that service that allowed us to earn a sizable amount of money for the guild.

The new TTA will not require a member to store all the items. Each of us will collect saleable items, price them and bring them the night of the meeting, ready to sell on July 13th. Fabric collections can be tied together, put in plastic bags or containers and priced. Please price a saleable amount. Larger amounts of fabric can be priced separately. I.e., 4 yards of fabric \$8. What would you pay for your donation? Or maybe we should auction it off.

Finished products, such as quilts, wall hangings, quilt tops, quilt kits, fabric stacks, sewing tables etc. Will go up for auction. Those items you will give to me, Joyce Wilkinson, and I will bring them the night of our event.

Members will be able to purchase the Trash to Treasure items you bring as soon as they are set up. Auction will begin after the opening of the meeting.

Start setting aside those items you feel will contribute to a great night of fundraising!

Joyce Wilkinson  
Trash to Treasure Chair

## IFFI (I FINALLY FINISHED IT)

We are off to a great start. Just keep working on your projects. Check in with me at our next guild meeting.

Happy Quilting  
Joyce

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have a total of 74 members to date.

We have a new member - Makena Parks. Please welcome her at the next meeting.

I have received our membership badges from Brian, so you can pick them up in the meeting. If you need one come see me there. They are \$11.00 each with a magnet back.

If you have not renewed yet, please bring the form from the website or get one at the next meeting. We are taking cash, check and credit card. If you are renewing and have special request such as no pictures or no last name, please note it on your form. Also, if you want to receive the newsletter by mail, you must pay \$14.00.

Membership Chair  
Sara-Anne Nelson

## Happy Birthday to our April Ladies:



April 2 - Vivian Kimoto  
April 11 - Margie Pinkers  
April 22 - Darlene Stump  
April 22 - Kath Butler  
April 28 - Kathleen Dolan  
April 28 - Kristeen Dolan





## 2023 PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Jan 12	Connie Sitar: Art Quilts
Feb 9 Feb 18	Melissa Lee- Pilates Stretch / Kathleen Dolan -Ergonomics Connie Sitar Workshop – Art Quilts
March 9 March 11 March 18	Kathryn Pellman Lecture and Trunk show Kathryn Pellman Workshop –Paper Dolls for Grown-ups Melissa Nilsen / Carol Carter - Binding Workshop
April 13	Doryce Fitzgerald-Sew Powerful presentation
May 11 May 6	Patti Voyles- More Stripping Sew Powerful workshop
June 8 June 10	Community service night Patti Voyles workshop – Con Trails
July 13	Trash to Treasure (formerly known as Block Auction)
Aug 10 Aug 12	Game Night Wonky Piecing and Easy Applique ** VIRTUAL**- Linda Sullivan
Sept 14	Sewing Notions- Bring your favorite sewing aide and explain why you love it.
Oct 12 Oct 14	Kim Brownell – Trunk Show Kim Brownell workshop-Quilted Jigsaw Puzzles
Nov 9	Brandy Abernathy- T-shirt Quilts
Dec 14	Holiday Party

## HOSPITALITY

People with last name letters, A-F please bring snacks for the April general meeting.

*Dolores, Kendra, and Julie*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2023

	<b>Bank of America Checking</b>		
	<b>Beginning Balance as of 2-1-23</b>		<b>\$ 30,741.73</b>
	<b>Deposits and Other Credits</b>		
6-Feb	Membership & Opportunity Tickets	\$ 300.00	
10-Feb	Membership & Opportunity Tickets,Postage	\$ 529.00	
10-Feb	Ways & Means	\$ 210.00	
10-Feb	IFFI	\$ 70.00	
13-Feb	Membership,Opportunity Tickets, Sfee	\$ 68.08	
17-Feb	Membership & Opportunity tickets	\$ 50.00	
21-Feb	Workshop & Donation	\$ 40.00	
	<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 1,267.08</b>
	<b>Withdrawals &amp; Other Debits</b>		
4-Feb	US Postal Services	\$ 216.00	
	<b>Total Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ 216.00</b>	
	<b>Ending Balance on 2-28-23</b>		<b>\$ 31,792.81</b>

Penny Lawrence  
Treasurer

## MINI-GROUPS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Meeting Information</i>
<b>Freedom Mini Group</b> (Currently Full)	Joyce Wilkinson	Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month
<b>Monday Mavens ***</b>	Melissa Nilsen	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays at Melissa’s house and 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays on Zoom – everyone welcome to the Zoom sessions, contact Melissa for the Zoom link. Space limited for the in-person sessions, must RSVP to Melissa.
<b>Stitch n’ Chat ***</b>	Carol Carter	Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Darlene’s house. Space limited, must RSVP to Carol.
<b>Quilters in the Park ***</b>	Kendra Geiger	Meets every other Friday, 11:15am – 1pm, at Central Park near the restrooms closest to the dog park. All are welcome.

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

## STITCH N’ CHAT MINI GROUP – OPEN TO EVERYONE

This mini-group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9am-12pm and is open to everyone. We try to showcase a different quilting technique at each meeting and then put those techniques to use in creating items for the guild’s community service projects. It’s perfect both for those members who want to improve their quilting skills and experienced quilters with tips to share. Fabric is supplied, just bring your sewing machine, neutral thread, rotary cutter, and scissors/snips.

The March meeting was dedicated to making microwave bowls that were cowboy themed for our upcoming event. “Cowboy Festival” in April.



Our next Stitch n Chat will be our regularly scheduled 3rd Thursday, 4/20, from 9:30am-12:30pm (note time change) at Darlene Stump's home. At the April get together, we will revisit curved piecing and will be making a cascading raindrops quilt top. Melissa Nilsen will be leading this technique. There is space in the garage for spray basting quilts too, if you just want to stop by for that.

Please RSVP to Carol Carter if you would like to join us as space is limited. Phone number is in our directory or email her at [scvqquild@gmail.com](mailto:scvqquild@gmail.com).

Carol Carter & Melissa Nilsen

## WAYS AND MEANS

Here are the lucky winners of the March 2023 Raffle Baskets.

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| #1 Kokopelli's Flute  | Vanessa Foreman   |
| #2 Top O' the Mornin' | Kristal Dougherty |
| #3 Easter Egg Joy     | Vanessa Foreman   |
| #4 Tonga Treats       | Julie Cook        |
| #5 Sweet Lullaby      | Jeanne Bretthauer |

In April and May, we are excited to add to our Raffle a lovely Friendship quilt for a lucky person to win.

Laura Hawkins and Rita Percer



## WEBSITE

On the home page of our website are photos of our 33rd birthday celebration. So thankful to the 3 original members that have helped to keep our guild alive in doing such wonderful charity work through the years.

Carol Carter  
Web mistress

## 2023 OPPORTUNITY QUILT

### Pinwheel Parfait



**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

*SCVQG Block of the Month*

*March/April 2023*

**Valencia**

*Altered from Needle in a Hayes Stack*



Fig. 1

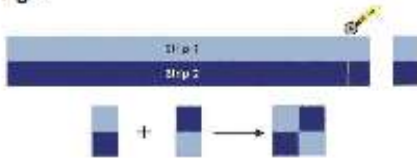


Fig. 2

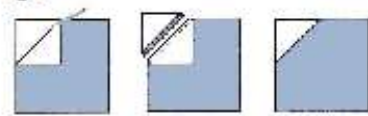


Fig. 3



Your block should be 12 1/2" square UNFINISHED. Finished Size (once sewn into the quilt) is 12".

For each block, you will need:

<u>Fabric/Color</u>	<u>Cut Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Background fabric (white)		
- Squares	4 1/2" square	2
- Squares	2 1/2" square	4
Dark Color (Navy)		
- Strip of 2 1/2" fabric (Strip 1)	15"	1
Contrasting Color		
- Squares	4 1/2" square	4
- Strip of 2 1/2" fabric (Strip 2)	15"	1

Use scant 1/4" seam allowance throughout.

1. Sew together Strip 1 and Strip 2 lengthwise. Use a shorter stitch length as you will be cutting units. Press seam to darker side. Lay piece flat and cut at 2 1/2" - 6 times. (The trick to this is to lay your fabric on a mat, then lay the ruler on top of fabric to make sure seam line is straight and cut will be a true perpendicular.) Sew two units together as shown. Create 3 sewn squares.
2. With right sides together, align a white 2 1/2" square in one corner of the larger contrasting color 4 1/2" square. Draw seam line diagonally from corner to corner on the small square. Sew ON the line. (Check by flipping open the small square to match other half and create the square.) Carefully trim away the extra leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.
3. Layout pieces as shown.
4. Sew rows/columns, nesting seams to create a nice, flat block.
5. Finished quilt of many blocks will look like this:



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### *Things to Remember:*

- ❖ Wear your name tag
- ❖ Sign-in sheet at the door
- ❖ Bring your Show & Share Quilts
- ❖ A-F bring snacks

### *This Month's Calendar:*

- ❖ **General Meeting: Thursday, April 13th**  
Social Hour: 6:30-6:50pm  
Meeting starts at 6:50pm  
at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church  
26440 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Saugus, CA
- ❖ **Business Meeting: Thursday, April 20th**  
Meeting starts at 6:30pm  
Marcia Dain's residence or via zoom



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