



# Kaleidoscopic Voices

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This month our meeting is at the Masonic Lodge. The program this month will be Barbara Jean Smith owner of the Creative Coop in Ramona.

Please join us!



Peggy Couvrette, President

## President's Message

What a wonderful day we had at our quilt show. Lots of visitors who love our show. Thank you to everyone that helped us put on this special day. A big thank you to the husbands that came to help put the show up and tear it down. The boutique did a brisk business. We got a great count of what sold and what we have left over. What sold and what did not.

We will be missing Arleene's wonderful smile at our meetings. Arleene's daughter wrote an obituary which is in the newsletter.

Our meeting's program has changed due to a family illness. Thank you Robyn for finding an alternative.

*Peggy*



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

11/15 – 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 Barbara Jean Smith, owner of the Creative Coop in Ramona. She is designing a Christmas make-and-take for all of us.

12/13 – Holiday Party at the Masonic Lodge. Doors open 12:30 p.m. for appetizers. Meal starts at 1:00 p.m.

Happy New Year!!

1/3 – Guild Board meeting online on ZOOM. All are welcome. Contact Peggy for information about connecting to the ZOOM meeting. Starts 4:00 p.m.

1/17 – 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 speaker, Maureen Waterhouse, presenting "Wonderful World of Wool Applique".

2/7 - Guild Board meeting online on ZOOM. All are welcome. Contact Peggy for information about connecting to the ZOOM meeting. Starts 4:00 p.m.

2/21 – 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 speaker, Violet Vaughnes. Honoring Black history Month she will be presenting flour sack quilt collection.

3/7 - Guild Board meeting online on ZOOM. All are welcome. Contact Peggy for information about connecting to the ZOOM meeting. Starts 4:00 p.m.

3/21 – 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 speaker, Glenda Duke, presenting "Quilt in with Soul Fabric"

### Our November Birthdays

Susan Stewart	11/11
Rita Anaya	11/13
Cindy Hawley	11/14
Cindy Winters	11/15
Sherry Ames	11/17

*Happy Birthday!*

### November Hospitality Volunteers

Beverages - Connie Close and Debbie Sherrell

We had sooo many cookies leftover after the quilt show we do not need cookies this month. November volunteers can bring January snacks.

Kaleidoscope Website is  
available for viewing:

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

## 2023 Kaleidoscope of Quilts – Another Terrific Show!!

Our 2023 Kaleidoscope of Quilts show was a huge success. The boutique brought in over \$6,000 dollars, the opportunity quilt raffle was held, lots of cookies were consumed! I think everyone had a very good time. We saw lots of people that had not been to guild in a very long time!

A huge thank you to our president, Peggy Couvrette for much of the planning, organizing, coordinating, and providing encouragement to everyone. We could not have pulled this all together as smoothly as we did without her!!

The winners of the 2 competitions were as follows:

Viewer's Choice:

- 1st place – Robyn Phelps
- 2nd place – Robyn Phelps
- 3rd place – Robyn Phelps
- (A very good year for Robyn!)



“Let Art Inspire You” Challenge:

- 1st place – Karen Brixner
- 2nd place – Judy Shepard
- 3rd place – Judy Whitney



## 2023 Opportunity Quilt Winner is Drawn

Our fellow guild member, Toni Mohondro is the 2023 Opportunity Quilt winner!! It's not very often we have members win the quilt. Congratulations, Toni!

Toni is one of our long-distance members so we don't have a picture of her with her new quilt. Toni, send us a picture of you with the quilt when you get it.



## A Good-bye to Arleene, our Quilting Sister

**Arleene Elizabeth Beckhusen** was born 4/4/1939 in Harrisburg, PA and after WWII moved to Michigan and lived with her grandparents. When Arleene was 11, her father had an opportunity to work for Texaco Oil in Costa Mesa. The family moved to Southern California, and Arleene lived in Costa Mesa until she met her husband, Charlie.

Charlie was in the US Navy and he met Arleene at a party in Long Beach. As the party was wrapping up, Arleene needed to drive her boyfriend (at that time) back to the ship. Charlie asked if he could “bum” a ride. And my dad told her, “you shouldn’t be with that guy, you should be with me”...and they were together for 60+ years. Charlie passed away in 2019. His service was on their 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Arleene and Charlie had 4 girls...all within 6 years. Her first daughter, Felecia, was born in 1960. The twins (a total surprise, even AFTER the first one had arrived) Denise & Davelyn were born in 1963 in San Francisco, THREE days after Charlie had left on a Navy Westpac. Arleene & Charlie were always trying for their “boy”....but decided that when their last daughter, Tracy, arrived in 1966, that the Beckhusen family was complete.

Once her girls got older, she and Charlie owned and operated a Mail Boxes, Etc in La Jolla until they both retired.

Arleene loved to knit and crochet while her girls were growing up. She would make beautiful chevron-patterned blankets for the family. Once she retired, she knew she would need to find a “hobby” to keep her occupied and to find more friends. She enrolled in a quilting class through the adult education program, and she had found herself another tribe. Arleene loved the camaraderie of the guild and was always happy to volunteer to help.

Arleene had always been involved with community activities. When her girls were young, she was active with the Navy Wives club and always supported school activities as either a Room Mom or on the PTA. She even managed Tracy’s first Bobby Sox Softball team, with Charlie as the coach.

Together Arleene and Charlie enjoyed traveling around the US and the World. They would go to Navy Ship Reunions every year. They traveled to China, Europe, and even took a month-long cruise through the Panama Canal.

Both Arleene and Charlie were also members of Friends of Lake Murray and would walk (or ride a bike in Arleene’s case) around the lake every morning with their beloved MinPin, Clyde.

After Charlie’s passing, Arleene became more active in a Sr Women’s Exercise group. She would attend the exercise class twice a week and was always encouraging her friends and neighbors to join her. In fact, it was after this class on Wed, Oct 25th that Arleene was sitting in her car after class and a few of her friends commented that she didn’t look good. They called 911 and Arleene’s heart stopped in the ambulance. To the very end, Arleene was independent, living her life, and was always supported by her friends.

Arleene’s family will be planning a Celebration of Life, after the holidays.

Note: Thank you to Arleene’s daughter, Tracy, for writing this lovely tribute.

## Holiday Party is next month!

Our 2023 Holiday Party is fast approaching. The date is December 13. Doors open at 12:30 for appetizers and meal will be served around 1:00 p.m. Guild will provide a sliced ham. We are going to be trying to get a head count at the November meeting.

Start thinking about you would like to bring!

### Treasurer's Report October, 2023

Balance, October 1, 2023	<b>\$12,377.29</b>
(Includes Petty Cash/Opportunity & Membership of \$100)	

#### Income

Opportunity Quilt	\$672.00
Boutique	\$6,329.00
Total Income	<b>\$7,001.00</b>

#### Expense

Check #2221 P. Couvrette - Quilt Show Expenses	\$96.59
Check #2222 LGMTA - October Rent	\$100.00
Check #2223 LGMTA - Quilt Show Rent	\$325.00
Check #2224 T. Beckhusen - Quilt Show Hospitality	\$18.12
Check #2225 P. Couvrette - Quilt Show Expenses	\$25.06
Check #2226 K. Brixner - Quilt Show Expenses	\$9.43
Debit Card P. Couvrette - Opportunity Quilt	\$28.10
Total Expense	<b>\$602.30</b>

Balance October 31, 2023	<b>\$18,775.99</b>
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## **November Program**

Unfortunately our scheduled speaker, Leah Zieber, had to cancel due family illness. I have reached out to Barbara Jean Smith, owner of the Creative Coop in Ramona. She graciously agreed to be our featured speaker at our November meeting. There will be a pop up shop and she is designing a Christmas make-and-take for all of us. This will be a fun meeting!

Note: We are hoping to reschedule Leah Zieber next year... Let's save our antique quilts to share until Leah is rescheduled.

## **New Guild Chair Positions Filled!**

Peggy is very happy to announce we have filled the vacancies we had. Thank you all for stepping up! One of our new members is taking the Opportunity Quilt. Please see the list below.

Opportunity Quilt - Sue Bennorth

Hospitality – Sharon Claar

Sunshine and Shadows – Alice Converse

Challenge – Glen Baker

## **"Rug Hooking for the Holidays" at the Temecula Valley Museum**

There is a new exhibit at the Temecula Valley Museum entitled "Rug Hooking for the Holidays". This exhibit is put on by the North County Wool Gatherers, the local chapter of the Amer. Traditional Hookers Assoc. Susan Stewart is a member of the national association.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 10-4 - \$5.00 donation  
The exhibit is open through Dec. 31.

2831 Mercedes Street, Temecula, CA  
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## November 2023 PHILANTHROPY

Hooray!!! After our October meeting philanthropy sew-in, I took home 24 placemats - finished. I am grateful for those of you who took home the rest of the kits to sew. Please bring them back at the November meeting. I will be taking all the

placemats to Meals-on-Wheels the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December.

The philanthropy sew-in is like a mini retreat. It is a fun, relaxed way to sew, chat and get to know other of our guild members better. Thanks to everyone who participated!!!

And...Philanthropy "Got Mail" - We received a very nice letter from the Ronald McDonald House thanking us for our donation of quilts, which will "provide comfort and warmth to families facing difficult times while staying at our facilities. Your thoughtfulness shines through in each quilt. Thank you for joining in our vision of ensuring that every child in the hospital has a hand to hold."

Thank you Kathryn Diamond & Glen Baker for your philanthropy quilts turned in at the October meeting! Over the past 2 months I have delivered 10 quilts to Ronald McDonald House and 28 quilts to the Chula Vista Veterans Home! That's a lot of love spread around.

Keep those sewing machines whirling!

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



**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 4:00 p.m.

Where: Meeting online with ZOOM.

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