

Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild
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www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com

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Kaleidoscopic Voices



President's Message

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I so enjoyed the rain we had! The weather has been so warm I'm worried if we aren't in for a hot summer.

I hear I missed a great meeting. I was an alternate on a jury. Thank you Debbie and everyone who helped out in my absence. Wanted to let you know we have updated the website and have new quilts for sale as well as updated pictures and the calendar. Check it out www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com Hope to see you at the meeting.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. at Lemon Grove Masonic Lodge, 2590 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

(We meet on the 2nd Wednesday in December)

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This month our meeting is at the Lemon Grove Masonic Lodge. The meeting will be a presentation by Kristie Naranjo on Color.

Doors open at 12:30 pm, meeting starts at 1 pm.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

2026

03/18 Kristie Naranjo—*Color*

04/01—Board Meeting on Zoom

04/15—Trudy Cleveland—*Shoot Your Quilt*

05/06—Board Meeting on Zoom

05/20—Ginger Calderon—Member Highlight

06/03—Board Meeting on Zoom

06/17—Ann Turley—*Confessions of the Quilt Police*

07/01—Board Meeting on Zoom

07/15—Linda and Carl Sullivan—*My Best Tips and Tricks for Precision Piecing.*

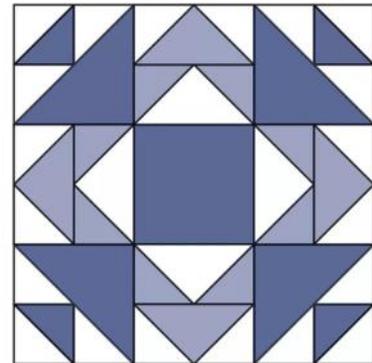
08/05—Board Meeting on Zoom

08/19—Tina Curren—*My Design Process—From Concept to Quilt*

09/02—Board Meeting on Zoom

09/16—Philanthropy Sew-In

10/07—Board Meeting on Zoom





DID YOU KNOW:

Carded cotton, used in batting, is a type of cotton fabric produced by cleaning and detangling cotton fibers using a mechanical "carding" process, without the extra, costly combing step. This method leaves shorter fibers mixed with longer ones, resulting in a more textured, slightly fuzzy, and budget-friendly, yet durable, material.



MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thank you to everyone that paid their 2026 dues at the January and February meetings or on Zelle. I appreciate it. We are trying to get the new membership directory published this month so this helps us get all the accurate information in there in a timely fashion. For those that have not yet paid, the amount is \$25. You can make this payment using 1 of 3 options:

Pay at the March meeting

Mail a check to our treasurer, Diane Hamann, or to me, Debbie Sherrell

Pay via Zelle through your bank. The instructions for these payments are in the newsletter in the "From the Treasurer" article.

Just as a reminder, our other requirements for membership are to donate a quilt each year to philanthropy and to sell 30 tickets/\$25 on our opportunity quilt.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Debbie Sherrell—Membership

MARCH PROGRAM

KRISTIE NARANJO

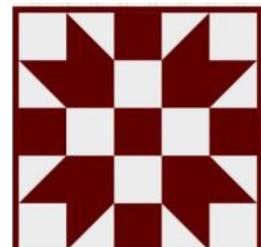
Kristie is an international quilt teacher certified in teaching the Scrappy Applique™ technique and the Color Confidence for Quilters™ curriculum.

COLOR CONFIDENCE FOR QUILTERS™ PROGRAM:

What type of quilter are you when it comes to color? Do you sometimes get frustrated with color choices and don't know why? This program breaks down color as it relates to quilting in a simple way and will help you understand how to use the 4 elements of color in your projects, while avoiding the pitfalls that can make a palette look "off".

Whether you are frustrated with color choices and rely on precuts, or experts at color but sometimes struggle and don't know why, this program makes color really easy to understand so that you can create a fabric palette that is beautiful, unique, and looks like you.

Anne Sinnott—VP Programs



MARCH 2026 PHILANTHROPY

Kaleidoscope Friends

MARCH 2026 PHILANTHROPY



A big shout-out of thanks to members Leah and Ed Estrin who donated 10 yards of labels for our Kaleidoscope philanthropy projects. These labels can be sewn on before you bind the quilt – so no tedious sewing on of little labels after the quilt is finished. Besides providing a painless way to attach the labels, these labels have washing instructions on them as well!!! Amazing. Ed & Leah – YOU ARE THE BEST!!!! Stop by the philanthropy table to see these labels.

Every quilt we donate has a Kaleidoscope label sewn on. I have labels available at the philanthropy table during meetings, so stop by. I am always so pleased when we receive a quilt with a label already attached.

I will have philanthropy quilt kits available at the meeting - if you need batting for a philanthropy quilt, give me a call or email me, and we can arrange something.

At our February meeting we received 20 quilts; thank yous go to: Ginger Calderon, Kathryn Diamond, Ed Estrin, Leah Estrin, Anna Lancia, Lola O'Leary, Robin Pickett, Patty Smith, Kathy Smith.

Keep those sewing machines whirling!

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

Open Guild Position for 2026

We need to fill Opportunity Quilt for 2026.

Guild Positions

Open Guild Positions for 2026.

We are still looking for Opportunity Quilt Chair. Please Help!

The quilt for 2026 will be done and that will not be the responsibility of the chair.

This to can be done by a couple of people

Responsibilities:

Hand out tickets and collect monies for the opportunity quilt

Take the opportunity quilt to other guilds

Set up Opportunity quilt at our monthly meetings

Plan 2027 Opportunity quilt. We do have applique blocks "Hop to it" ready to be hand stitched or machine applique. Some are already done.....

Again this can be done by a committee or a couple of people. PLEASE volunteer to help keep our guild running.

2026 RETREAT

Kaleidoscope's
Quilting Safari Retreat
August 27 - August 30, 2026
We are full!

The retreat will start at 4:00 pm Thursday, dinner at 5:00 pm at Vina de Lestonnac retreat center in the beautiful wine country of Temecula. Retreat ends Sunday at 2:00 pm. The cost for a 3 nights stay is \$640 for a double room or \$840 for a single room. Dinner Friday night, 3 meals Friday and Saturday as well as Sunday brunch is included. We will be taking payments of \$100 again this month. The final payment of \$140 for a double room or \$340 for single room will be taken in July.



FEBRUARY MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild was called to order on February 17, 2026 by Debbie Sherrell because Peggy was on Jury Duty. We had one new member and 2 guests.

Nametags are available for \$10. See Debbie about them.

The treasurer reported that on January 31, 2026, our balance was \$21,558.82. Further details are in the newsletter.

Programs/Workshops -

February- Dru Farrell-Sew Treasured Quilt Shop

March- Kristie Naranjo-Color

April-Trudy Cleveland-Shoot Your Quilt

May- Ginger Calderon-Member Highlights

June- Confessions of the Quilt Police

There is no guest fee for February and July

2026 Challenge- Please don't touch the quilts --Ruth Jones

By-laws review committee-- Mary Weflen, Debbie Sherrell, Marilyn Carne, Kathy Smith is member at large.

Retreat- Judy/Pat- August 27-30.2026. Double rooms \$640. Payment schedule- Feb., March, April, May, June--remaining Balance

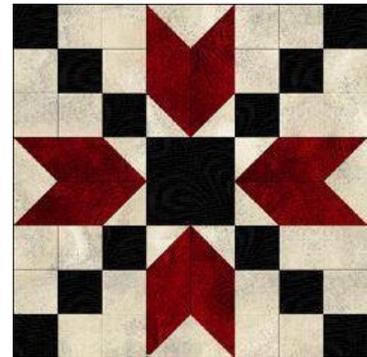
Philanthropy- new quilt labels with washing Instructions were donated by members for our philanthropy quilts.

We need someone to co-ordinate the travels of our opportunity quilt. The Chula Vista quilt guild was here in February. WE need someone to take our quilt to Chula Vista.

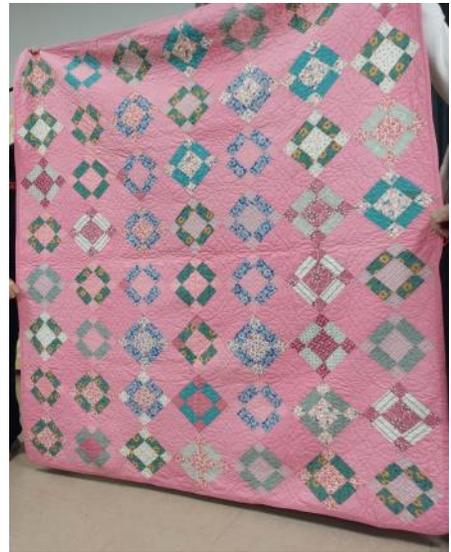
Hospitality-- Kathryn-- sign ups are filled for the next few months.

Newsletter-James- deadline for newsletter submissions--February 27.

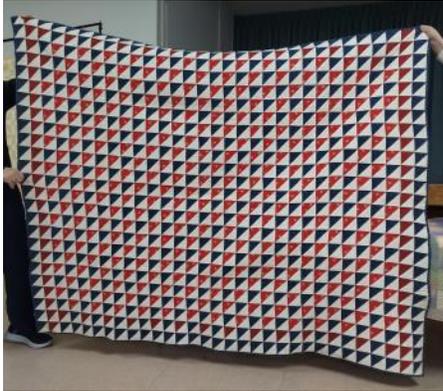
Mary Weflen



DRU FARRELL PRESENTATION



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NEW QUILT LABELS



A big Thank You goes out to Leah and Ed Estrin who designed and had new philanthropy quilt labels made for our guild. Here is a picture of the new label.

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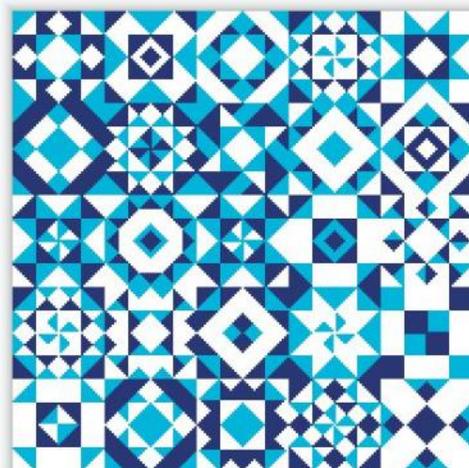


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TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

Balance, February 1, 2026		\$21,558.82
<i>Includes Petty Cash</i>	\$100.00	
<i>Includes Prior Retreat Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
<i>Includes Prior Workshop Deposits</i>	\$0.00	
Income		
Memberships	\$400.00	
Guests	\$0.00	
Opportunity Quilt	\$220.00	
Workshops	\$0.00	
Retreat	\$3,520.00	
Boutique	\$20.00	
Donation	\$0.00	
Total Income		\$4,160.00
Expenses		
Check #2329 LGMTA—February Rent	-\$100.00	
Check #2330 P. Couvrette—Zoom Renewal	-\$159.90	
Check #2331 A. Converse—Sunshine and Shadows	-\$15.60	
Check #2332 D. Farrell—February Program	-\$592.40	
Total Expenses		-\$867.90
Balance, February 28, 2026		\$24,850.92



SPRING QUILT SHOP HOP

Cruisingquilters.com



REFRESHMENTS FOR THE MARCH MEETING

Snacks:

Melanie Ellsworth

Glen Baker

Beverages:

Sue Bennorth

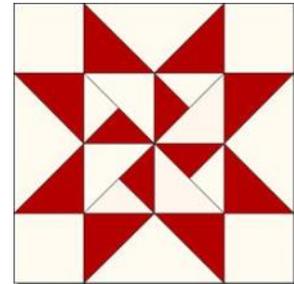
Margaret Winbury



FROM THE TREASURER

The Guild has enabled Zelle payments! If you wish to use Zelle, please remember the following:

- You will need to set up Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild as a recipient.
- Use the email address **KQG1987@gmail.com** to send the payment. If the system does not confirm that the email address you entered belongs to **Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild**, double check and make sure you entered it correctly. **YOU CANNOT GET YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU SEND IT TO THE WRONG EMAIL ADDRESS.**
- In the Notes section, make sure you enter what the payment is for: Dues, Opportunity Quilt, Retreat, etc.
- The entry on your bank account will be your receipt, although I will try to acknowledge all payments.



-Diane Hamann, Treasurer

Local Quilt Guilds

[San Diego Metro Modern](#)

[San Diego Modern](#)

[Chula Vista](#)

[Sunshine](#)

[Friendship](#)

[Seaside](#)

[Legacy](#)

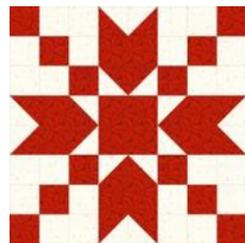
[Canyon](#)

[Stitching Sisters](#)

[San Diego People of Color](#)

[Julian Women's Club](#)

[Village](#)



[El Camino](#)

[Beach Cities](#)

[Valley of the Mist](#)

[Surfside](#)

[Fallbrook](#)

[North County](#)

[Orange County](#)

[Flying Geese](#)

[Raincross](#)

[Inland Empire Modern](#)

[Coachella Valley](#)

Woman's Club of Lakeside
40th
Annual Quilt Show & Boutique

March 20 & 21, 2026

10 am - 4 pm

Lakeside VFW

12650 Lindo Lane, Lakeside, CA, 92040

\$5 Admission

Sewing Closet, Handmade Items, Local
Vendors, Bake Sale!

Opportunity Raffle to win a handmade Quilt!

Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Drawing March 26th, 2026

Need not be present to win!

For more information about the Quilt Show and Entry
Forms visit

WomansClubofLakeside.org

or Contact Tina Anderson (619)729-3843



FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Friendship Groups

I continue to organize development of and sign-ups for quilting circles that we are going to call Friendship Groups for our members. I have 15 names so far and will be collecting additional names of those interested at the meeting.

There are three existing opportunities that continue to be available. They are:

La Mesa Friday Class

La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center

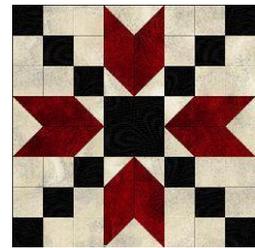
Every Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. the cost is \$2 and is held in The Craft Room.

8450 La Mesa Blvd

La Mesa, CA 91942

Contact Patty Smith (guild member) (619) 325-7719

619-667-1322 Office number for Center



Applique Group

Meets the second Saturday of the month at Mount Miquel Convent; 325 Kempton Street Spring Valley. Contact Linda Fox (guild member) at foxyquilter@sbcglobal.net if interested

Wednesday Quilt Class

Every Wednesday 9am to 12pm

Bayview Orthodox Presbyterian Church

505 East Naples Chula Vista

Contact Shirley McGuire at smcguire6@cox.net if interested

Rosie's Calico Cupboard (arranged by James Glunt)

Second Tuesday of each month from 9 AM to 3 PM. Cost \$10 per meeting to cover

expense of Rosie's workshop room. PLEASE RSVP jamesbglunt@gmail.com or 619-335-0714



As additional opportunities arise, I will add them to the list in the newsletter.

Sue Bennorth

QUILT RETREAT

Quilt Retreat in Texas June 9 – 13, 2026 Stitchin Heaven Retreat Quitman TX

By Bobbie Norby

I am organizing a fun filled retreat week in Texas!

The dates are June 9-13.

Cost \$275.00pp If there are more than 20 attendees the price goes down!

Machine rental is \$55.00pp for the week. The machines are Berninas.

Meals are not included. I know that is not ideal. I will work on catering, group meals or you can do meals on your own. There is a full kitchen!

Rooms are set up 2 twin beds and your own private bathroom!

The fee for Monday night is \$99.00 per cottage, which can sleep up to 4 people.

I will take a deposit of \$50.00 to hold your spot. Deposits will be due now. Payments due in February and April.

Stitchin Heaven has a large and beautiful quilt store. It's like Missouri Star in one building.

There are no refunds after May 1,2025

You would fly into Dallas and rent a car (Costco is the best to rent from). It is about 1.5 hour drive. If you want to come in the night before which I do, you can rent a cottage for \$99 per cottage and they fit four people so if you have four people it's \$25. It's a lot of fun.

I look forward to hearing from everyone.

We do have a few openings if you want to pass this along to anybody else

Bobbie

CLASSIFIED ADS

Are you looking to part with something sewing related? Perhaps you know of someone who is. If you would like to have something posted here you can send your article to me and a picture of the item if possible, along with your asking price (make sure to mention the best way to contact you). The cost is free. Send your article to:

kaleidoscopenewsletter01@gmail.com

Services



Looking For...

Looking for unused Hoffman Big Dream Fabric Panels. If you have a panel that you are not going to stitch I would like to talk to you about buying it.

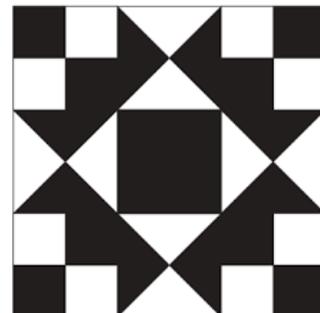
Contact Kathryn Diamond



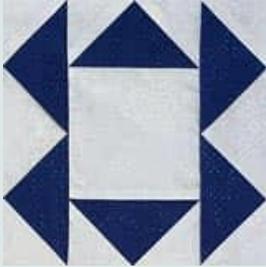
BLOCK OF THE MONTH

These are 12 1/2" blocks and will finish at 12".

March's block of the month is: [Ohio Trail](#)



"Any time is stitchin' time".



Did you know?

The first needle specifically designed for a mechanical sewing machine was patented by German inventor Charles Weisenthal in 1755. This early version was a two-pointed needle with an eye in the middle. The modern eye-pointed needle (with the eye at the point) was developed around 1800 by Balthasar Krems.



March Birthdays

Jan Hayman	3/5
Margaret Winbury	3/7
Marilyn Matteson	3/19
Kathy Smith	3/23
Linda Fox	3/29

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Following places offer Classes

Check out their Website

[Sew Hut](#)

[Cozy Creative Center](#)

[Paradise Sewing](#)

[Quilt In A Day](#)

[My Quilters Cottage](#)

[Grand Central Quilt n Stitch](#)

[El Cajon Sew & Vac](#)

[The Creative Coop](#)

[Between Stitches](#)

[Sew Treasured Quilt Shop](#)

[Sewing Machines Plus](#)

[Material Happiness](#)

[Visions Museum of Textile and Art](#)

[Sew Bestie](#)

If you have any questions or comments regarding the content of the newsletter or would like to submit an article or classified ad, please contact me at

kaleidoscopenewsletter01@gmail.com



Local Quilting Supply Shops

[Rosie's Calico Cupboard](#)

7151 El Cajon Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92115
619-697-5758

[Sew Hut](#)

7672 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92111
858-273-1377

[Cozy Creative Center](#)

756 Jamacha Rd.
El Cajon, CA 92019
619-670-0652

[Paradise Sewing](#)

13242 Poway Rd.
Poway, CA 92064
858-679-9808

[My Happy Place](#)

2405 Main St. #4
Ramona, CA 92065
760-654-3060

[Quilt In A Day](#)

1955 Diamond St.
San Marcos, CA 92078
760-591-0929

[Quilt 'In With Soul Fabrics](#)

619-618-8618

[Grand Central Quilt n Stitch](#)

100 N. Rancho Sante Fe Rd, Suite
118
San Marcos, CA 92069
760-295-0446

[Inspirations Quilt Shop](#)

27350 Valley Center Rd., Ste B
Valley Center, CA 92082
760-751-9400

[Quilter's Paradise](#)

304 Enterprise St, Ste. E
Escondido, CA 92029
760-738-9677

[El Cajon Sew & Vac](#)

1077 Broadway
El Cajon, CA 92021
619-442-2585

[Sewing Machines Plus](#)

713 Center Dr.
San Marcos, CA 92069
760-739-8222

[Sew Bestie](#)

3670 Claremont Dr. #2
San Diego, CA 92117
478-288-8667

[Sew Bestie](#)

3355 Mission Ave, #232
Oceanside, CA 92058
478-288-8667

[Quilter's Cottage](#)

131 E. Fig St., Ste. #6
Fallbrook, CA 92028
760-723-3060

[Mosaïque Quilts and Crafts](#)

222 E. Broadway
Vista, CA 92084
760-842-4884

[Fringe Fabrics](#)

3457 El Cajon Blvd
San Diego, CA 92104
619-230-5442

[Material Happiness](#)

2244 Logan Ave.
San Diego, CA 92113
619-289-7802

[La Mesa Sew & Vac](#)

5346 Jackson Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942
619-698-2972

Miscellaneous Links

Free Patterns

[Free Quilt Patterns From Carol Doak](#)

[Free Two Color Quilt Patterns – Top Picks](#)

[Free Solid Quilt Patterns – Top Picks](#)

[Top 10 Free Robert Kaufman Quilt Patterns](#)

[Top 7 Free 3-Yard Quilt Patterns](#)

[Top 15 Free Easy Quilting Patterns for Beginners](#)

[Robert Kaufman](#)

[Moda](#)

[Riley Blake](#)

[Nuts and Bolts](#)

[Sew Can She Free Quilt Patterns](#)

Layer Cakes

[Top 16 Free Easy Layer Cake Quilt Patterns](#)

[30 Totally Free Layer Cake Quilt Patterns for Beginners](#)

[Free Layer Cake Quilt Pattern: Oh Susannah](#)

Jelly Roll

[30+ Jelly Roll Quilt Patterns that use 2 1/2" fabric strips: All Free!](#)

[30 Free Jelly Roll Quilt Patterns - Hailey Stitches](#)

[Jelly Roll Quilt Patterns Free - Fat Quarter Shop](#)

Scrappy

[How to Make a Quilt Using Fabric Scraps – Quilt-As-You-Go Method](#)

Binding

[How to Join Binding Ends with No Overlap or Bulk—Video](#)

Sewing Machine

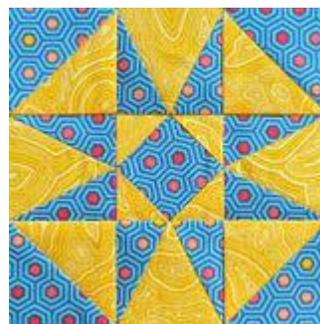
[The Surprising Genius of Sewing Machinees - Video](#)

Paper Piecing

[41+ Modern And Free Paper Piecing Patterns To Quilt Today](#)

[20 Free Paper Piecing Patterns \(EPP and FPP Patterns\)](#)

[Free Paper Piecing Patterns to download ~ 115+ designs, multiple sizes](#)



Miscellaneous Links (cont'd)

Stars

[35 Dreamy Star Quilt Patterns: All Free!](#)

[Top 7 Free Two Color Quilt Patterns](#)

[40 Free Star Quilt Patterns to Put Stars in Their Eyes!](#)

[45 Free Star Quilt Patterns](#)



Cutting

[12 Ways to Cut up Fat Quarters for Quilting](#)

Fat Quarters

[Top 19 Free Fat Quarter Quilt Patterns](#)

[Three Fast and FREE Fat Quarter Quilts You Can Make in a Weekend](#)

Fat Eighth

[Free Fat Eighth-Friendly Quilt Patterns](#)

Fat Quarters

[The Ultimate Fat Quarter Project Guide: 40+ Free Sewing Patterns](#)

Quilting Calculator

[Robert Kaufman Quilting Calculator App](#)

Squares

[Be There or Be Square: 20 Easy Quilt Patterns Using Squares - All Free!](#)

[Charmed, I'm Sure: A Free Quilt Pattern Bursting with Summer Charm](#)

Blocks

[Basket Weave Quilt Block Free Tutorial: Traditional Design in Two Sizes](#)

[260+ Free Quilt Block Patterns in Multiple Sizes](#)

[Marcia Hohn's Quilter's Cache! \(all I can say is WOW...lots of blocks and more\)](#)

[Twenty Free Quilt Block Patterns You Will Love!](#)

3 Yard Quilts

[3 Yard Magic – Simplified! 30 FREE Quilt Patterns](#)

Block of the Month

[BOMQuilts.com](#)

Bags

[Free Bag Patterns](#)



More links coming soon!

MORE FUN WITH AI

Prompt: Who are the most influential quilters today?

Response:

Influential modern quilters shaping the craft today include Bisa Butler, known for her vibrant, life-sized quilted portraits, and Michael C. Thorpe, who creates bold, painterly textile art. Other top influencers driving trends, patterns, and community, particularly on social media, include Tula Pink, Suzy Williams (Suzy Quilts), Pat Sloan, and Angela Walters.

These individuals are recognized for blending traditional techniques with modern aesthetics, social commentary, or extensive online education.

Key Influential Quilters & Artists

Artistic/Portrait Quilts: Bisa Butler transforms historical photos into vibrant, large-scale quilted portraits, while Faith Ringgold (a pioneer) paved the way for "story quilts" that combine painting and fabric.

Modern & Graphic Quilts: Michael C. Thorpe (bold, narrative work), Heidi Parkes (hand-stitched, intimate, and often diary-like quilts), and Shannon Fraser (geometric, modern designs) are widely recognized for pushing design boundaries.

Educators & Designers: Tula Pink is a major force in fabric design and modern, vibrant quilts. Angela Walters is highly influential in longarm machine quilting, and Pat Sloan is known as the "Voice of Quilting" through her massive online community.

Social Media & Modern Patterns: Suzy Williams (Suzy Quilts), Nicole Daksiewicz (Modern Handcraft), and Mathew Boudreaux (Mister Domestic) are significant for their massive social media following, pattern design, and tutorials.

Innovative/Alternative: Ben Venom stands out for using traditional techniques to create quilts inspired by "heavy metal" aesthetics, such as motorcycles and punk rock, challenging the boundaries of the craft.

Trends They Influence

Visual Storytelling: Moving away from purely functional, and more towards narratives on race, history, and personal experience.

Modernizing Tradition: Using bold, solid colors and geometric shapes rather than traditional, busy prints.

Online Community & Tutorials: The rise of quilt-alongs, Instagram tutorials, and YouTube, making quilting more accessible to younger generations.

SOME QUILTS FROM THE SAN DIEGO PEOPLE OF COLOR QUILT SHOW



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