Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild
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www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com

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Kaleidoscopic Voices

President's Message



What a great turnout we had at our philanthropy meeting last month! Thank you, Marilyn and all your helpers, for getting the kits put together. If you took kits home Marilyn needs them back by the November meeting. This month we will be drawing for the opportunity quilt. Please make sure you get your tickets and monies in. We have a great program this month with Wendy Mathson. 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 Wendy Mathson on answers to quilting questions you were afraid to ask.

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

2026



10/21—Wendy Mathson—*Answers to Quilting Questions You Were Afraid to Ask.*

11/04—Board Meeting on Zoom

11/18—Dawn Johnson—*Sparking Your Creativity*

12/02—Board Meeting on Zoom

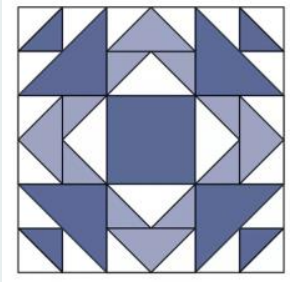
12/09—Holiday Party





DID YOU KNOW:

Quilting paper piecing—specifically English Paper Piecing (EPP)—traces its earliest noted origins to England in the 1770s, though pieced patchwork and fabric templates date back even further.



MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thank you to everyone that paid their 2026 dues. I appreciate it. The new membership directory was sent in August and you should have received it in your email. If you have not, please contact me. Also, contact me with any errors or corrections that need to be made. For those that have not yet paid their dues, the amount is $25. You can make this payment using 1 of 3 options:

Pay at the 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

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Wendy Mathson

Answers to quilting questions you were afraid to ask!

Why has my steam iron become incontinent? What's a no twist, no tool, foolproof method for joining binding ends at an angle? Why do my flying geese blocks come out wrong?

Wendy has the answers to those burning questions and more. You'll be asking, "Why didn't I think of that?"

Anne Sinnott—VP Programs

OCTOBER 2026 PHILANTHROPY

Kaleidoscope Friends

October 2026 PHILANTHROPY



The Philanthropy Sew-in, at our last meeting, was a great success – and fun!!! We had about 30 members who came to sew. AND…by the end of the sew -in we had 29 finished placemats. The other good news is, all the remaining placemat kits were claimed – so all the 90 kits that were prepared beforehand were either completed or taken home to be sewn. THANK YOU!!!!!

Last year we donated 456 placemats to Meals on Wheels; wonder how many we will have this year. Please return all placemats by the November meeting.

Please give a round of applause to Connie Close and Diane Hamann who donated philanthropy quilts at our September meeting:! Thank you !!!

Keep those sewing machines whirling! See you at the October meeting!!!

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

ONE BLOCK WONDER WORKSHOP

One block wonder quilt technique workshop.



On October 29, 2026 at Rosie's Quilt Shop from 9 until 3, we will have a workshop led by Ginger Calderon.

The fee is $40.00, to be paid at sign up.

Class is full but there is a waiting list.



OPPORTUNITY QUILT

The Opportunity Quilt will be drawn at our October meeting.

Some lucky person will be taking home our Opportunity quilt Lucinda's Garden at our October meeting. Please get your tickets in. We ask that all members sell or buy $25 of tickets each year.

BIRTHDAYS

October Birthdays	
Stephen Garcia	10/6
Linda Torgersen	10/9
Trudy Ooms	10/13
Debbie Sherrell	10/13
Ruth Jones	10/19
Joan Sieber	10/23
Yvette Maynard	10/24
Peggy Couvrette	10/28
Sue Bennorth	10/29





TEAM CHALLENGE

Make a New Friend or Keep the Old Quilt Challenge

(As the song says: "One is silver and the other gold")

How It Works



1. Team Up

Partner with an existing friend OR

Put your name in the "hat" to be paired with someone new

2. Drawing Teams

Names will be randomly drawn to create 2-person teams

If we have an odd number, we'll form a 3-person team

Larger teams are welcome if desired!

3. Choose Your Challenge
Each team will decide their own quilt-related challenge
It can be anything "quilty," such as:

A bag

A jacket

A table runner

A quilt (any size) No rules—just have fun and be creative!



Final Presentation

January Meeting: 1/20/2027
At this meeting, each team will:

Introduce themselves

Share their chosen challenge

KALEIDOSCOPE BOUTIQUE

We have a great selection of all types of quilts.

Tell your friends!!!

Check them out at
www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com

REFRESHMENTS

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING

Snacks

Margie Wees

Robin Pickett

Rosa Blatchford

Judy Whitney

Drinks

Leah Estrin

Ed Estrin



Reminder, If you can't attend and you are scheduled for snacks or drinks please send me an email so I can make sure we have enough for our meeting. We are averaging 40 people at our meetings.

-Kathryn Diamond—Hospitality

golfkatie@cox.net

Canyon Quilters of San Diego

Presents

The 2026
Canyon Quilters Marketplace

WHEN
October 24, 2026
10 am – 2 pm

WHERE
City View Church,
Fellowship Center,
8404 Phyllis Place
San Diego,CA 92123
- Located off 805 & 8
- Plenty of parking

WHAT YOU WILL FIND
Holiday Gifts
Gifts for Friends & Family
Handmade Items
Stunning Quilts
Curated Fabrics



Quilt Sale Spectacular Quilts

Fabric Curated fabric bundles for sale

Auction Live Auctioneer at NOON + Silent Auction (Quilting services, Wine tasting party, Bread-making class, etc.)

Boutique
Napkins & Placemats
Holiday Ornaments
Fabric Boxes
Pop-Up Containers
Wall Hangings
Eyeglass Cases
...and more

CAFÉ
Bake Sale &
Drinks for Purchase

2026 KALEIDOSCOPE QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

PLEASE DON'T TOUCH THE QUILTS!

1. **Quilts are to be turned in at the November meeting on Wednesday, November 18th.**
2. **We will use them for our quilt shows. You will not get them back.**
3. **Quilts may be of any shape but the size requirement is no bigger than 30" around the perimeter. They can be smaller.**
4. **You may donate as many as you want, but only one submission by each member is available for prizes.**
5. **Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Viewer's Choice.**

It's not too late to start.

This is a great time to try a miniature quilt format.

Here are some ideas









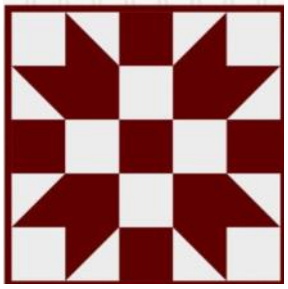






KALEIDOSCOPE QUILT GUILD
TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2026

Balance, September 1, 2026		**$19,523.14**
Includes Petty Cash	$100.00	
Includes Prior Retreat Deposits	$0.00	
Includes Prior Workshop Deposits	$0.00	
Income		
Memberships	$0.00	
Guests	$0.00	
Opportunity Quilt	$125.00	
Workshops	$0.00	
Retreat	$0.00	
Boutique	$180.00	
Donation	$0.00	
Total Income		**$305.00**
Expenses		
Check #2416 P. Couvrette—Retreat Supplies	-$36.00	
Check #2417 D. Hamann—Retreat Supplies	-$16.73	
Check #2418 LGMTA—September Rent	-$100.00	
Total Expenses		**-$152.73**
Balance, September 25, 2026		**$19,675.41**



HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday Party will be Wednesday DEC 9th (a week earlier than our usual meeting so we don't get too close to Christmas). We will start at 12:30 PM…. Our entertainment, the Ukulele players will start at 1:15pm. We have invited them to have lunch with us. We are again doing Starters and Enders…. Appetizers and desserts. We will have a signup sheet at our October meeting. You are welcome to bring your spouse or a friend. Hope you can join us.

2026 CHALLENGE



2026 Challenge
Don't Touch the Quilts,
voted at November meeting

Please bring your challenge quilts to the November meeting. We suggest a size of 5 ½ x 8 ½ or smaller for your finished quilt.

2026 Challenge Entry Form

Member Name _____

Quilted By _____

Name of Quilt _____

Size of Quilt_____

Description_____

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PHILANTHROPY SEWING













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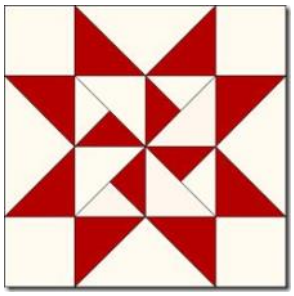
DON'T FORGET!

-Bring your Opportunity Quilt tickets and money to our October guild meeting
-Bring your challenge quilts (Don't touch the quilts) to November's meeting
-December's meeting is a week earlier than most of our meetings
-Tell your friends, family, neighbors, or anyone else you can think of about our online boutique.

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.



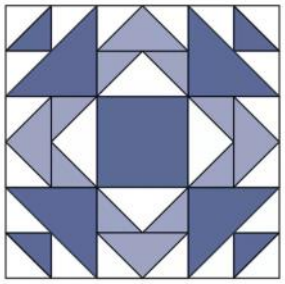
-Diane Hamann, Treasurer

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



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

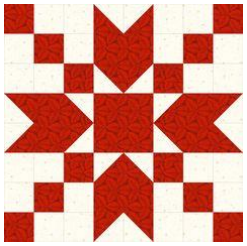
Contact Patty Smith (guild member) (619) 325-7719

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

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

Sue Bennorth

Boutique Quilts For Sale.

Check out our Website for full list, www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com

Quilts are divided into Categories (Separate Files) .

Child, Throw, Runners, Wall-hangings, Bed Quilts. Contact Peggy if you are interested in purchasing something.

Bed Twin	#	B17R	**W**	64	**H**	81	Kaffe Pink	**PRICE**	100



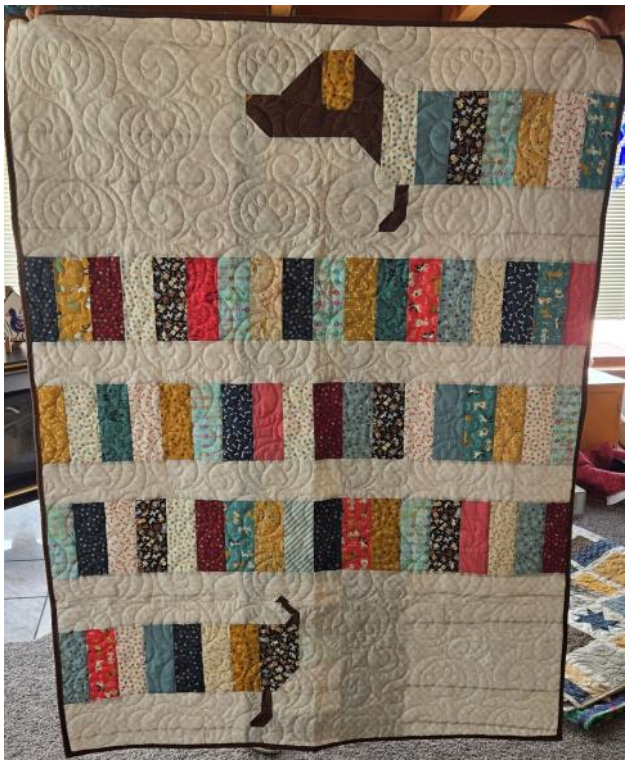
This Kaffe quilt is so bright and cheery. It will brighten anyone's day.

Bed Queen	#	B24	**W**	80	**H**	93	Blue Geese on The Run	**PRICE**	150



Blue Geese on the Run is a two sided quilt! The backing is a cheater fabric.

Throw	#	T43	W	44	H	58	Weiner Dog	Price	70



This quilt is so cute!
The quilting is perfect with paws on it.

Throw	#	T02R	W	61	H	78	Hawaii Pink	Price	45



The squares are scenes from a tropical paradise. So relaxing to look at it.

Child	#	C03R	W	53	H	60	Pink Forever	Price	60



This would be perfect for a little girl!

W06R	W	20	H	12	Embroidered Flowers	Price	15



This would make a lovely hostess gift. Take a look at our Wall Hanging pdfs for other options.

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





FOR SALE

Been thinking about a longarm? I have an Amara 20 on a 10' frame with Prostitcher. It has tons of extras. I quilted about 4 or 5 quilts and I just don't love doing the quilting. I love doing the piecing. So, the machine is almost new. It's about 4 yrs old and has been well taken care of. It comes with so many extras, like secret drawers, red snappers, magnets, etc. Too many to list. Machine is in Rancho San Diego area and would need to be moved by you. If you are interested, call me at 619-813-6246 or email me at LisaBodrie@gmail.com Cost is $15,000.00

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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

October's block of the month is: Cross Country

CLASSIFIED ADS CONTINUED

FOR SALE

Vintage Singer 301 Sewing Machine

A smooth, Powerful & High Collectible Machine. This machine is a limited production run, 7/25/1951 to commemorate Singer's Centennial Anniversary in 1951 prior to its Grand Introduction in Oct 1952. showcasing the new Black Band Badge

It is a straight stitch sewing machine in good condition, the 301 is an all metal construction, lightweight aluminum body (only 15 lb) and legendary stitch quality.

Features;

Serial number: #NA093703

new slant needle for better visibility

Includes: walking foot, bobbins Newer light, electrical cords and recently serviced. A Harbor Freight duffle is included for carrying purposes.

Price: $425.00

Location: San Diego, CA

If you have any questions or would like to see it in person call or text - Sue Grant 703-906-5792







CLASSIFIED ADS CONTINUED

Missing Templates

Hello. Everyone. Could the person who borrowed my Drawing board path templates please return them to Nancy Garner.

Free Fabric

I have an entire large bolt of fabric to give away to 1 or more people. I believe its called double gauze. Its 100% cotton. Its made by Camelot Fabrics. Its a children's Disney Minnie Mouse print on a white background. Its too thin and loose weave for a quilt. Would make little nicu blankets or newborn self binding blankets. Might make burp cloths. Its very soft. Call me to let me know you want some.

619-929-6946. I will bring to guild this month if it's wanted. Photo below.

Kathryn Diamond





Did you know?

The most common type of thread used in quilting is 100% cotton thread, specifically in a 50-weight (50wt) size.



"There is a very fine line between hobby and mental illness." – Dave Barry

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]

[Cooper's Fabrics]



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

Cooper's Fabrics
2980 N Park Way
San Diego, CA 92104
619-292-8303

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

Mosaique 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
3545 Midway Dr., Ste P
San Diego, CA 92110
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!

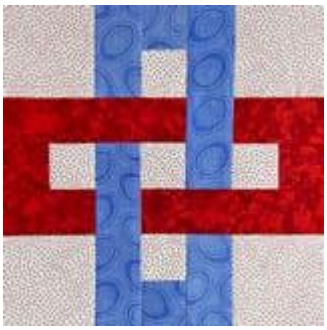
30 Free Jelly Roll Quilt Patterns - Hailey Stitches

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!