

Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild
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www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com

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Kaleidoscopic Voices

President's Message



The summer is marching on! Our quilt show is 2 months away. Hoping to get A LOT of entries at our meeting this month. We will have sign up sheets at the next meeting. It came to my attention that the sheet didn't get all around the room. We will try tracking that a bit better this meeting. We had a wonderful field trip to Textile Collections in the Garment district. My first visit there. If you want to go, please see the article in the newsletter. Appointment required. Robyn has a fun program on tap for us this month. You don't want to miss it. 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 Ann Turley.

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

8/20—Ann Turley—*An Unseemly Event*

9/3—Board meeting on Zoom

9/17—Leah McComas—*Driving in the dark: My journey in Fiber Art*

10/1—Board meeting on Zoom

10/15—Philanthropy Sew-In

10/18—Kaleidoscope's Quilt Show

11/5—Board meeting on Zoom



11/19—Kristie Naranjo—*The Scrappy Applique*

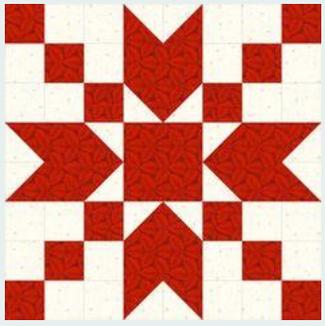
FIELD TRIP

Garment District Field Trip to Textile Collections

So enjoyed our field trip to the Garment District and to Textile Collections. The staff were very helpful, prices were fantastic and the quality of fabric was wonderful. They would love for us to visit again. They do not have a minimum of people to go. It is by appointment only as they are not open to the public. You can make an appointment by calling (213-744-9400) or emailing (sales@fabric4less.com) Their address is 1228 San Julian St Unit A, Los Angeles, CA 90015

NEWS FROM OUR PROGRAM CHAIR

Robyn Phelps



DID YOU KNOW:

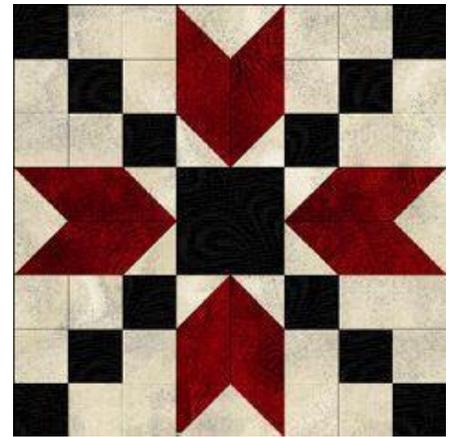
The best thread for quilting is: Most quilt professionals are going to recommend a 50wt thread (depending on the brand) for quilting and they will always recommend using a 100% cotton thread for piecing. Something thick enough to be sturdy but not so thick that you see the stitches after pressing. Also choose the right color.



2025 Calendar

August 20
Ann Turley
An Unseemly Event

September 17
Leah McComas
Driving in the dark: My journey in Fiber Art



October 15
Philanthropy Sew-in

October 18
Kaleidoscope Quilt Guild Quilt Show

November 19
Kristie Naranjo
The Scrappy Applique

December 10
Christmas Party.

AUGUST 2025 PHILANTHROPY

Kaleidoscope Friends



Looking at the vintage sewing machine on the left...I'm wondering if there ever was a "California" sewing machine?? Or a "California Girl" sewing machine which could have the theme song "Sewing, USA" (instead of Surfing, USA.) Yes, I'm thinking of the Beach Boys, it's summer-right? How many of us grew up in Southern California? I was in Los Angeles, and surfing was really big. Any of you remember

plaid Pendleton surfer shirts? And Gidget?

And, speaking of names of sewing machines, did you know that Janome was founded in the 1920's by a Japanese company. Do you know what its name was, originally???? Answer: "the Pine Sewing Machine Company" because the Japanese company thought that the name was more palatable to the American market than the real name, Janome, which is a Japanese word meaning "eye of the snake" (because the round bobbin reminded workers of a snake's eye). How many of you sew with an Eye of the Snake????

If you are planning to sew a quilt for Billie's Boys (and Girls), they need to be turned in at the September meeting – as I need to deliver them to Marlene, who is driving the quilts to the Prescott Veterans' Home.

Have you sewn a quilted top for philanthropy which is just lying around, because it needs quilting? Turn it in to the philanthropy table. Right at the moment there are some quilt angels who would be glad to quilt it for you.

Please give a round of applause for our members who donated philanthropy quilts at our June meeting: Melanie Ellsworth, Anna Lancia, & Julie Reyes. Thank you !!! As of July 31, our guild has donated 125 quilts to philanthropy! That's impressive!!!!

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

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

Quilt Show Entries

Can you believe it??!!?? Quilt show is just two months away.... We need your entry forms. Please send to Peggy or bring to the meeting.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

2025 OPPORTUNITY QUILT

I still have a few Opportunity Quilt ticket packets. Be sure to pick up your tickets as you sign-in at the meeting – remember, Opportunity Tickets money isn't due until October. If you bring it earlier, you can drop it off at the Opp Quilt table.



I especially want to thank the folks that signed up to take our beautiful quilt to other locations to sell tickets – your help is greatly appreciated!!

I am starting to have some concerns about driving at night, due mostly to not being very familiar with the area around here - something I need you to be aware of as the days get shorter...

Sue Bennorth Cell: 661-644-3787

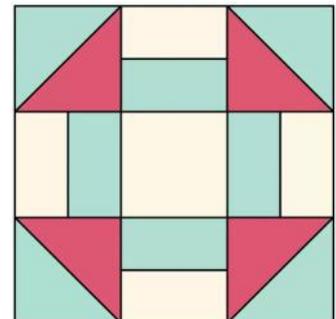
NEWS FROM OUR PROGRAM CHAIR

This month we have Ann Turley, Ann is a quilter and fiber artist living in Fallbrook. She enjoys creating original pieces and has been juried into many prestigious shows. Ann has a fun meeting planned for us, an unseemly event!

Phyllis Cullum workshop is September 11, I have resent the workshop information to all attendees

Robyn Phelps

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2025 KALEIDOSCOPE OF QUILTS ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Quilt Title /Pattern (We would like a name, be creative ☺):

Size of Entry: Width: _____ Height: _____

Piecing Method: Hand Machine

Applique Method: Hand Machine

Quilting Method: Hand Machine

Quilted by: _____

Description / Inspiration (we would like you tell your quilt Story ☺):

Theme / Category (check all that apply)

2025 Challenge Traditional Art Modern Large Quilt Wall Hanging Garment Child

Patriotic Other Challenge _____ Seasonal / Holiday _____

Other _____

◆ Forms for quilt show entries MUST be received by guild meeting Wednesday, September 17th. Sooner would be better.

◆ NO Sleeves required for quilts ☺

◆ Quilts for the show MUST be received by Sunday, October 12th Drop off from 1pm—4pm

◆ NO QUILTS will be accepted on show day

◆ Questions—Call Peggy Couvrette (619) 846-4210 email: peggycouvrette@cox.net

Kaleidoscope of Quilts Quilt Show

Kaleidoscope of Quilts Quilt Show Saturday October 18th 10 am – 4 pm

Set Up Friday afternoon
(We will have sign ups starting at the July meeting.)

It's Free and We Feed You!

This is such a fun day for our guild. Please start thinking about what quilts you want to hang in our show. No Sleeves are required! Entry forms were passed out at the June meeting and is also attached with the newsletter. Flyers were at the meeting and sent out electronically. More will be at this meeting. We ask that members bring snacks non sticky for the hospitality table.

Please invite your family and friends.

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

BOUTIQUE NEWS

Boutique Update

Behind to scenes, a group has been organizing donated fabric into quarter, half, and whole yards pieces. Got more?!

If you are available to help at the Quilt Show, please be sure to sign up ahead of time.

The next step will be pricing the items. So, your turned in items will be greatly appreciated...August and September.

The Boutique loves your projects!

Thank you,
Melanie Ellsworth



2025 MEMBER CHALLENGE

ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?

Kaleidoscope Challenge Quilt 2025 - Houses Around the World - Everyone Needs a Home

The Kaleidoscope Challenge Quilt finish is only **two months away!**

If you are still searching for ideas on “Houses Around the World” - Everyone needs a Home theme, think about the house you grew up in or maybe your dream house.



Think about using a technique that is new to you. But above all, have fun and enjoy the process.

Just remember the size is limited to 180 inches and only one entry per member.

Glen Baker, 619-823-9249 or email at gglenb@aol.com.

2 Open Guild Positions for 2026

We need to fill Program Chair and Opportunity Quilt for 2026.

Program / Workshop Chair

This can be done with one, two or three people or ???

2026 Programs are booked

Responsibilities:

Confirm speaker first of each month and what they require (Quilt racks, tables, projector) etc.

Submit Contract to Treasurer so Diane can cut a check

Send in article for the newsletter 2026 articles are already written

Arrive early to greet and help the speaker set up. (This can be a couple people doing this)

Ask people to hold quilts if speaker requires them

Stay after to help speaker pack up. (this can be a couple of people doing this)

Plan a workshop for the guild

Plan for 2027 speakers..... the board will help with that



We have a GREAT guild..... Please talk amongst your buddies to see if they would like to do this with you or if you want to help we can organize 2 or 3 people to take on these responsibilities.

Opportunity Quilt

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:

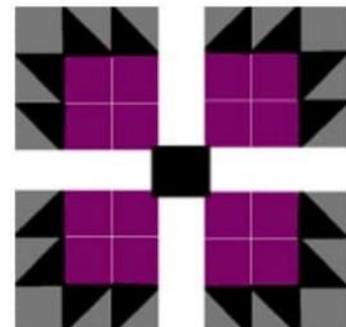
Hand out tickets and collect monies for the opportunity quilt

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. 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.



ALL THINGS FALL QUILT RETREAT



All Things Fall Quilt Retreat



Kaleidoscope's Quilt Retreat is almost here! Can't wait! As a reminder the retreat will start Thursday, August 28 at 4:00 p.m. and end Sunday, August 31 at 2:00 p.m. at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in the beautiful Temecula wine country. Please be mindful that the retreat committee needs time to set up and cannot open the doors until 4:00. Dinner will be served Thursday evening at 5:00. We'll be sending out directions to the retreat center along with some other suggestions of what to bring besides your sewing supplies and a couple quilt shops you might like visit in the area.

We are looking forward to getting into the spirit of fall whether it be a fall themed Halloween or Thanksgiving. Most of all we are looking forward to seeing happy quilters sewing away, inspiring and enjoying each other's company. And it wouldn't be quilt retreat without left, right, center. This year fat quarters will be provided!



- Judy Shepard & Pat Gailband

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Kaleidoscope Quilt Show Saturday October 18, 2025

10am—4pm

Lemon Grove Masonic Lodge
2590 Main St, Lemon Grove

It's Free!

- ◆ **Over 100 Quilts** on Display
- ◆ **Quilt Sales Boutique** (quilts and other hand made items ... Just in time for Christmas ... very reasonably priced!)
Cash or check accepted. No Credit cards
- ◆ Last Chance for Guild **Opportunity Quilt Tickets**. Winner drawn at end of show!
- ◆ **Houses Around The World— Challenge**
- ◆ **Philanthropy and Toile** painting display

www.kaleidoscopequiltguild.com

Free Refreshments!

Local Quilt Guilds

[San Diego Metro Modern](#)

[San Diego Modern](#)

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[Seaside](#)

[Legacy](#)

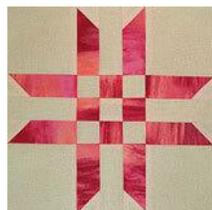
[Canyon](#)

[Stitching Sisters](#)

[San Diego People of Color](#)

[Julian Women's Club](#)

[Village](#)



[El Camino](#)

[Beach Cities](#)

[Valley of the Mist](#)

[Surfside](#)

[Fallbrook](#)

[North County](#)

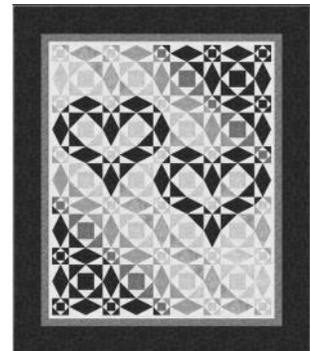
[Orange County](#)

[Flying Geese](#)

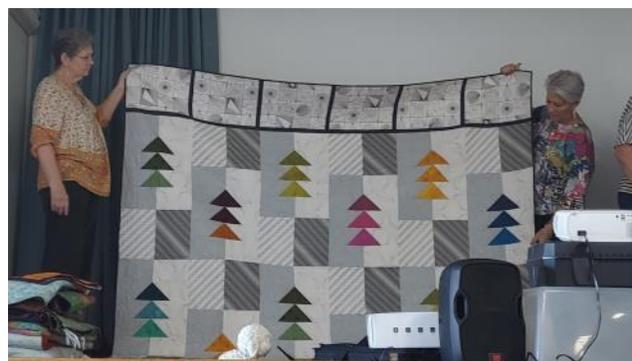
[Raincross](#)

[Inland Empire Modern](#)

[Coachella Valley](#)



Pat Gailband and Judy Shepard



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Judy Shepard and Pat Gailband



Judy Shepard and Pat Gailband



Pat Gailband and Judy Shepard



Pat Gailband and Judy Shepard



JULY MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Peggy on July 16, 2025 at 1 pm. Debbie reported that we have one new member and one visitor. The treasurer, Diane, gave her report. It will be published in the newsletter.



Robyn gave the program report. In July we have a member's spotlight with Pat Gailband and Judy Shepard.

August—Ann Turley—An Unseemly Event

September- Leah McComas- My Journey in Fiber Art

October- philanthropy Sew -In — Bring your Sewing Machine !

November- Kristie Naranjo-The Scrappy Appliqué

December- Dec. 10- Holiday Party

July 22nd-Garment District Field Trip to Textile Collections— we will car pool and visit other places as well. Sign up sheet.

2025 Challenge “Homes Around the World” Everyone needs a home ! Total measurement around quilt— 108”

Quilt Show—need signups for set up, working show, and tear down. We also need a truck to carry racks from Debbie's house. Please turn in entry forms as we will have to send away for pictures of entrants.

Quilt Show Boutique- Melanie- pick up kits to sew for boutique and turn in already sewn things.

Retreat—August 28-31. \$540. For members. Please pay any money due.

Philanthropy— Sept. is last month to turn in quilts for Billy's Boys (and Girls!)

Opportunity quilt --- made \$141.— need some more signups to go to other places.

Hospitality— All is well.

Newsletter —deadline for Newsletter is July 31.



Mary Weflen
Secretary

KALEIDOSCOPE QUILT GUILD

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 2025

Balance, July 1, 2025		\$25,506.11
<i>Includes Petty Cash</i>	\$100.00	
<i>Includes Prior Retreat Deposits</i>	\$9,480.00	
<i>Includes Prior Workshop Deposits</i>	\$825.00	
<i>Includes Boutique Float</i>	\$315.00	
Income		
Memberships	\$12.50	
Guests	\$5.00	
Opportunity Quilt	\$191.00	
Workshops	\$0.00	
Retreat	\$0.00	
Boutique	\$0.00	
Donation	\$12.50	
Total Income		\$221.00
Expenses		
Check #2291 LGMTA—July Rent	-\$100.00	
Check #2292 D. Sherell—Retreat Overpayment	-\$100.00	
Check # 2293 K. Diamond—Hospitality	-\$24.91	
Check #2294 A. Converse—Sunshine/Shadows	-\$75.00	
Check #2269—Voided	\$43.80	
Total Expenses		-\$256.11
Balance, July 31, 2025		\$25,471.00



Don't Forget!



Kaleidoscope Quilt Show

Saturday, October 18th, 2025

(Countdown—59 days after our August Meeting)



Canyon Quilters of San Diego
PRESENTS 2025



Holiday Marketplace

WHEN

October 25, 2025
11am - 2pm

WHERE

Cathy Hopper Senior Center
4425 Bannock Avenue in
Clairemont SAn Diego, CA

WHY

Holiday Gifts
Gifts for Friends
Gifts for the home
Freshen up your decor
Stunning Quilts
Fabric Collections
Café with lunch or snacks

Quilt Sale 25 Spectacular Quilts

Fabric Over 50 curated fabric collections

Baskets Filled with gift items for everyone on your list

Cafe For your convenience
Lunch and snack menu

Boutique Napkins and Placemats
Holiday Ornaments

Mug Rugs

Potted Plants

Fabric Boxes

Decorative Pillows

Pop-Up Containers

Organizers

...and more



Fallbrook Quilt Guild

presents
Quilted
Treasures



November
7-8, 2025
10:00 am -
4:00 pm

Admission \$10.00
Children under 12 free
with adult
No strollers
Handicap accessible

Son Rise Christian
Fellowship
463 S. Stage Coach Lane
Fallbrook, California
Free parking



Auction at 12:30 p.m daily
Country Store - Vendors
Featured Quilter: Ann Turley
Demonstrations - Opportunity Quilt
Food and Beverages
Many quilts on display

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Wednesday, August 13th from 10am - 12pm
ELEANOR BURNS SHOW - World Famous quilter, Eleanor Burns will present her annual show.
Reservations are required – Cost is \$30.00 per person.
For information on making the reservation visit



julianwomensclub.org

VISIONS MUSEUM OF TEXTILE ART
Weaving Inlay on A Transparent Background
Weaving Workshop with Rebecca Smith

Date: August 17 & 18, 2025

Time: 9am - 4pm with a 1-hour lunch break.

COST: \$150.00 for members, \$175.00 for non-members

Address: 2825 Dewey Road #100, San Diego, CA 92106

Join us as creative weaving artist Rebecca Smith leads a two-day workshop in technique of Inlay, a process of weaving pictorial and geometric designs on a loom.

Learn More @ vmota.org



October 3, 2025 Sew Healing Retreat and Expo in San Diego CA

Oct. 4; Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild and the City of Temecula "Outdoor Quilt Show"

Sat 10-4, FREE, I-16 Exit Rancho California Rd. in Temecula

For more information go to www.valleyofthemistquilters.com

Flying Geese Quilters Guild - Quilt Show

We eagerly await the return of our quilt show in 2025.

We're excited to reunite and share in the joy of quilting together.

Saturday, October 11, 2025 - 9:00 – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$10 (ample free parking)

Location:

Norman P. Murray

Community and Senior Center

24932 Veterans Way

Mission Viejo, CA 92692



October 17, 2025 Sierra Gold Quilt Show in Plymouth CA

KALEIDOSCOPE QUILT SHOW

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025 – 10am – 4pm

It's FREE

Lemon Grove Masonic Lodge – 2590 Main St., Lemon Grove

Over 100 Quilts on Display, Quilt Sales Boutique, House Around the World Challenge, Philanthropy and Tole Painting Display.

Free Refreshments!

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Upcoming Quilt Shows

November 7, 2025 Mountain Heirloom Quilt Faire in Murphys CA

FALLBROOK QUILT GUILD
Presents QUILTED TREASURES QUILT SHOW

November 7-8, 2025

10am – 4pm

SonRise Christian Fellowship
463 S. Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA

Admission: \$10.00

Children under 12 Free w/adult.

NO STROLLERS

Handicap Accessible

FREE Parking

www.fallbrookquiltguild.com



NOVEMBER FEST - Seaside Quilt Guild

Tuesday - November 11th, 2025

12:30 - 3:00pm

Quilt Auction, Raffle Basket, Boutique

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church -33501 Stonehill Drive
Dana Point, CA 92629

December TBD from 5:30-8:30: Candlelight Tour and Holiday Lights at Heritage Hill Park in Lake Forest to celebrate each of the Winter Holidays. Stroll through restored 19th century buildings adorned in period decor and listen to Victorian carolers.

In addition, FGQG members quilts will be displayed in the homes.

Admission \$?; 25161 Serrano Road in Lake Forest.

Road to California Quilter's Conference & Showcase

January 21-24, 2026

at the Ontario Convention Center

General Registration - August 18, 2025



VALLEY QUILTERS

46TH Annual Quilt Show

February 13th and 14th 2026

10am - 4pm

Group Tickets - 10 or more available at discounted pricing.

For more information - contact

President - Grace Ward info@valleyquilters.org



Characteristics of a Quilter

A quilter is an individual who combines creativity, precision, and patience to create textile art by layering fabric and stitching it together. They possess a blend of artistic vision and practical skills, including a strong understanding of color theory, fabric selection, and various stitching techniques. Furthermore, quilters often exhibit a meticulous attention to detail, a commitment to quality, and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively.

Here's a more detailed look at the characteristics of a quilter:

Technical Skills and Knowledge:

Fabric Knowledge:

Quilters must understand different fabric types, their properties, and how they interact when combined.

Color Theory:

They should have a good grasp of color relationships and how to use them to create visually appealing designs.

Stitching Techniques:

Proficiency in various stitching methods, including straight-line quilting, free-motion quilting, and other specialized techniques.

Pattern Reading:

The ability to accurately read and interpret quilt patterns, including understanding symbols, abbreviations, and cutting instructions.

Machine Mastery:

Familiarity with sewing machines, their functions, and how to troubleshoot common issues.

Precision Cutting:

Accurate cutting is crucial for creating a well-proportioned quilt. Quilters need to know how to use rulers and rotary cutters effectively.

Seam Allowance:

Mastering a consistent 1/4 inch seam allowance is essential for accurate piecing.



Characteristics of a Quilter (cont'd)

Pressing Techniques:

Proper pressing techniques are vital for avoiding distortion and ensuring flat seams.

Finishing Techniques:

Knowledge of binding, labeling, and other finishing methods to complete the quilt.

Personal Qualities:

Patience:

Quilting can be a time-consuming process, requiring patience and attention to detail.

Perseverance:

Quilters may encounter setbacks, such as thread breaks or puckering, but they need to persevere and learn from their mistakes.

Creativity:

Quilting allows for artistic expression through fabric selection, color combinations, and design choices.

Problem-Solving:

Quilters often need to adapt patterns, troubleshoot issues, and find creative solutions during the process.

Attention to Detail:

The ability to pay close attention to detail is crucial for producing high-quality, well-constructed quilts.

Organizational Skills:

Quilters often need to manage multiple projects, fabrics, and tools.

Appreciation for Craftsmanship:

A love for handmade items and the satisfaction of creating something beautiful and functional.

Willingness to Learn:

The quilting community is full of resources, classes, and online tutorials, and quilters should be open to learning new skills and techniques.



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



Peggy Couvrette
Long Arm Quilter T-Shirt Quilts
peggyquilts.com
All Over and Custom Designs Available
(619) 846-4210 cell
peggycouvrette@cox.net
1490 La Corta Circle, Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Free

Free Quilt Stand and a Free Container that I bought to attach to my machine. If anyone wants either they can text me and I will bring them to guild. Thanks—Julie Reyes





Did you know?

Typically, the best sewing machine needle for quilting a quilt sandwich is a 90/14.



"Love me, love my stash."

Refreshments for our August Meeting:

Snacks:

Judy Shepard
Kathryn Diamond

Beverages:

Judy Whitney
Ginger Calderon

August Birthdays

Carol Ann Bearden	8/8
Marty Ornish	8/11
Joan Nickerson	8/14
Sherrie Cunningham	8/16
Susan Wells	8/17
Judy Woyke	8/17
Bobbie Norby	8/21
Ginger Calderon	8/28
Kathryn Diamond	8/28
Marilyn Carnes	8/29
Sylvia Wallace	8/31

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Following Quilt Shops 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](#)



Local Quilting Supply Shops

Rosie's Calico Cupboard
7151 El Cajon Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92115
619-697-5758

Sew Hut
4226 Balboa Ave.
San Diego, CA 92117
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

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

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
4168 Poplar St, Suite L
San Diego, CA 92105
619-289-7802

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

[Eddie the Sewing Machine
Repairman](#)
619-408-3383

Miscellaneous Links

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](#)

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](#)

Squares

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

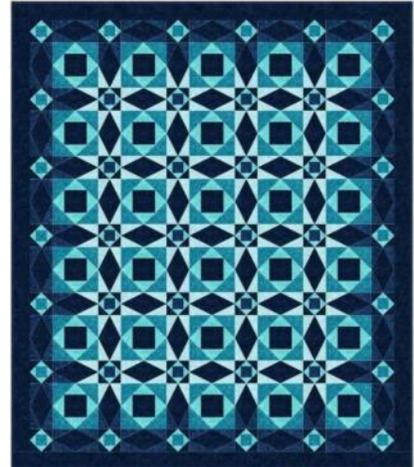
[Charmed, I'm Sure: A Free Quilt Pattern Bursting with Summer Charm](#)

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! \(all I can say is WOW...lots of blocks and more\)](#)



Miscellaneous Links (cont'd)

Stars

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

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

Cutting

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

Fat Quarters

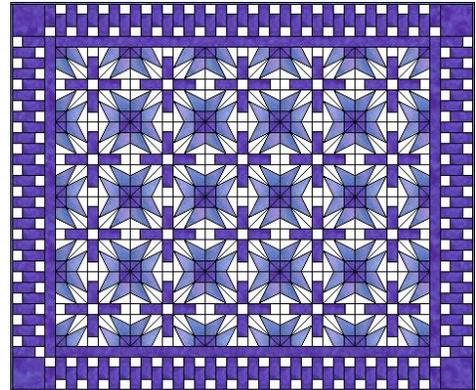
[Top 19 Free Fat Quarter Quilt Patterns](#)

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

Fat Eighth

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

More links coming next month!



Block of the Month

I thought I would try something new. Every month I will include a block of the month. Pick a theme and choose which blocks you want to make. These are by Riley Blake Designs and are available free online. The difference here is that every month I will be choosing blocks from different years. The size of the blocks are 10" x 10" finished.

This month's Block of the Month is

Daylesford

July 2025 Block of the Month was [Jack in the Box](#)

June 2025 Block of the Month was the [Playing With Blocks](#)

May 2025 Block of the Month was the [Tilt-A-Whirl](#)

April 2025 Block of the Month was the [Lady of the Lake](#)

March 2025 Block of the Month was the [Scrappy Churn Dash](#)

February 2025 Block of the Month was the [Moab Block](#)

January 2025 Block of the Month was the [Glint Block](#)

December 2024 Block of the Month was the [Windmill Block](#)

November 2024 Block of the Month was the [Sundial Block](#)

October 2024 Block of the Month was the [Pinwheel Star Block](#)

More fun with Artificial Intelligence

Prompt: **What is the most difficult quilt pattern?**

The most difficult quilt patterns often involve intricate piecing, curved or Y-seams, and precision in matching points, with some common examples being Double Wedding Ring, Cathedral Window, and paper pieced designs. Patterns like Lone Star, New York Beauty, and those with many tiny pieces, such as "Twisted Log Cabin" or "Illuminata", can also be extremely challenging. The difficulty can also stem from the design itself, like a quilt with no pattern where the quilter has to puzzle out the placement of each piece.

Here's a more detailed look at why these patterns are considered difficult:

Double Wedding Ring

This pattern features interlocking rings and requires precise cutting and sewing of curved pieces .

Cathedral Window

This design involves folding and stitching fabric to create a three-dimensional effect, demanding patience and accuracy.

Drunkard's Path

This block uses curved seams, requiring careful matching of concave and convex curves.

Flying Geese

These blocks involve triangles and require accurate cutting and sewing to avoid bias issues .

Paper Piecing

While some quilters love paper piecing for its precision, it can be frustrating for others due to the need for accurate placement of fabric on paper templates .

Some patterns, like the "Twisted Log Cabin", require perfect placement of every piece, making even small errors noticeable .

Other Factors:

No Pattern

Quilts without a pattern require the quilter to figure out the placement of each piece, which can be a complex puzzle .

Bias

Bias edges (stretching along the diagonal of fabric) can be challenging to work with, especially in patterns with many triangles or curves .

Bulky Seams

Some blocks, like pinwheel blocks, can have bulky seams that are difficult to sew through .

Small Pieces

Patterns with many tiny pieces, like "Illuminata," can be time-consuming and require exceptional accuracy.

