



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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR APRIL

April promises to be a fun-filled month with the Cowboy Festival! If you've never been, it's a wonderful event for friends and family. It's also a great time to volunteer at our booth—chat with visitors, share stories about our beautiful opportunity quilt, and display the unique items we have for sale.

Our March speaker, Linda Schmidt, was truly inspirational. She showed us how to bring more creativity and sparkle to our quilts through paint, glitter, bling, puff paint, and bits of fabric and thread. Her workshop was quite an adventure! We learned bobbin work with metallic thread, explored using foil and paint to add extra pizzazz, and even started a new project—collecting threads to adhere with Solvy (a stabilizer) for the top of a quilt. As if that weren't enough, Linda also showed how to embellish quilt bindings with beads. Now it's time to apply some of these new ideas as we work on our Quilt Show quilts.

This month's speaker, Alicia Campbell—The Batty Lady, will share another fascinating topic to expand our quilting repertoire. It's sure to be an inspiring session!

See you at our April meeting and please welcome our new members.

Penny Kendall-Lawrence
President



QUILT SHOW 2026

Our dates are locked in - ***October 24 and 25 of 26. Memorize it!***

Our first three vendors have signed on to be at our Quilt Show, and others have expressed interest. We are getting EXCITED! When we share that we are planning to have the car show and food trucks out front, the vendors in the patio, and demos happening on a regular basis inside, they are excited!

Connie Sitar is taking the lead for the Boutique area and will be sharing ideas of items we can make. Joyce Wilkinson is taking the lead on the Raffle Baskets and has begun sharing her thoughts for making it a success. Mary Moonitz is taking the lead on how we can elevate the Show's "look." And many more of you have stepped up to help. THANK YOU!!

A successful Quilt Show will only happen if everyone helps. If there is a specific way YOU want to help, please let us know.

6-month countdown!

Thank you,
Joann Lombardi and Darlene Stump
2026 Quilt Show Co-Chairs





QUILT SHOW 2026 – RAFFLE BASKETS

The Quilt Show is coming up in October 2026. We would like 10 baskets to raffle off at the Quilt Show.

2026 Raffle Basket Possible Themes

1. Bee Happy, Bee Theme*
2. Sew Happy, Sewing Theme*
3. Let Freedom Ring, USA 250 Birthday: Patriotic Theme
4. Lori Holt, Lori Holt Fabric/other Lori theme items
5. Civil War Theme*
6. Under the Sea, Ocean theme
7. Color My World, Bright Modern Fabric
8. ?
9. ?
10. ?

*Baskets we are working on now.

1. Mini Group Donate a basket or items for the baskets.
2. Members donate items for the baskets...Fabric, Tools, Rulers, Notions, Gift certificates, or New Quilting or theme related items.

Please donate items no later than September 15, 2026.

Contact: Joyce Wilkinson 661-753-7865
if you have questions or items to donate.

QUILT SHOW 2026 – BOUTIQUE

Planning for the Quilt Show Boutique is underway! My team and I are excited to see the projects that our talented members create. We are very interested in hearing your ideas about items you or your group may like to make. We are planning several theme areas, including Holidays, Dog/Cat, Kitchen, and Sewing, but items do not have to be restricted to those categories. At our April General Meeting, we will provide a sign-up sheet for members to tell us about items that they or their group may like to contribute. The information we receive will guide us in offering a wide variety of items at the Boutique. In order to avoid duplication of our efforts, please let me know what you want to make before starting work. We're looking forward to hearing from you. Happy Quilting!

Connie Sitar
Quilt Show Boutique chairperson



COWBOY FESTIVAL 2026

Thank you to all of you who returned beautiful Cowboy Festival quilts, placemats, tote bags, bowls and silverware holders. Such an assortment and absolutely lovely. We will be accepting items for sale at the April meeting. If you use your own fabric, please attach a paper that says your name, what you feel the item should cost, and if not sold where do you want it to go? (Back to you, future boutiques, community service, etc.)

We still have openings on Sunday for volunteer workers. The sign-up sheet will be available at the April meeting. Reminder the Cowboy Festival is Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19 at Hart Park. Booth is open from 10 - 6 daily. Thank you to Mary and Ron Moonitz and Carol and Nick Carter for their continued support on set up (Friday) and take down on Sunday.

Marcia D & Barbara S





SCVQG AUCTION IS COMING

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!

Only 1 month before the SCVQG Auction **May 14, 2026!!**

Last year's auction was unbelievable!! We brought in just shy of \$4,000 after taxes!! Wouldn't it be wonderful to do it again. May is a new month for the auction. Heads up there's not a whole lot of time to gather great items for the auction. Keep on the lookout for projects, quilt tops, quilts, fabric collections, quilt kits etc. that you once loved but will never finish or use. Tools that are gently used, basically anything in good condition and working order. Sewing machines, Accuquilt, Cricket items, anything sewing or quilting related you would be willing to put in the auction. Clean out your sewing space and in doing so you will help a new quilter on their journey, and you can replace it with something new.

We will be accepting items between now and May 1, 2026.

I have a co-chair this year, Cathy Denise. Yea!! Welcome Cathy and friends!

You can bring items to the guild meetings or give me a call when you have something to donate. Larger items please call me first.

Thanks so much.
Joyce Wilkinson
661-753-7865





BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We will not be doing any new blocks in April or May. Please return any blocks you have finished (or not finished).

Mystery Quilt Step 4 will be available. I will also have all the previous steps, in case you did not have the opportunity to pick it up.

Thank you for your participation in these projects.
Claire Reeves

ANTELOPE VALLEY QUILT SHOW

Antelope Valley Quilt Association
Festival of Quilts
Quilt Show & Auction
May 23-24, 2026

Featured Quilter: Mary Coker

The Show will include:
Craft Boutique
Quilt Auction on Sunday at 1:00
Vendor Mall
Over 100 Gorgeous Quilts on Display
Raffles: Gift Baskets, Elna Elnita & travel table
donated by Al's Vacuum & Sewing and
the Opportunity Quilt

www.avqa.org

AV Banquet Hall
44950 Valley Central Way
Suite 112
Lancaster, CA 93536

Show Hours
Saturday, 9am-5pm
Sunday, 10am-4pm

Admission
\$10 per person
Children under 12 free

"Déjà Vu"
Opportunity Quilt



THE DEAR JANE QUILT- THE 2026 GUILD PROJECT- OH DEAR!

Oh Dear- the importance of the label on the Dear Jane Quilt. The DJ Quilt was completed in 1863 "During the War Years" In Bennington Vermont. It was passed from generation to generation and eventually found in an attic in the 1930's (1938) in St Louis, Missouri. The mystery of how it got there????

Luckily Jane had written a label and the finder felt it had value and sent it back to the Museum in Bennington, Vermont. It is on display from Labor Day to Columbus Day each year to preserve its fragile state.

Could this be how it got to the Midwest?

Cole A Stickle, previously a sawmill owner had invented and patented the Stickle Heater Purifier De-aerator. The Open Coil and Purifier Company was incorporated in 1907 and started its production at 502 South Pennsylvania Street in **Indianapolis**, with Cole A. Stickle appointed president.

On January 21, 1923, the name was changed to Stickle Steam. In 1925 the current building was constructed. It is still there today.

Next month we will meet Brenda.....

To date 56 beautiful blocks have been turned in and 13 triangles. We need to have at least 15 more triangles to complete the 7X7 blocks' top. Kits continue to be available at general meetings.

Our goal is to have all 100 blocks and 40 Triangles completed by the June meeting. Keep up the enthusiasm and ask for help whenever you need it. We are here to support you for sure!

Love, "The Janiacs"

Claire, Jerri, Marcia and Melissa



PROGRAMS –

Programs - The Batty Lady 'Now you have finished your quilt top - What Batting?'



The Batty Lady will, of course, have batting and other items on sale during the break to assist you once she has answered your Question(s).

We will be meeting for dinner at 4:45pm at Stonefire grill 23300 Cinema Drive, Valencia, CA 91355 (Dinner is at your own cost).

Jerri Stoyanoff
Programs



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Programs 2026

1/8/26	Rachel Derstine – <u>Zoom Lecture</u> – Keep it Simple. But Pack a Punch
1/17/26	Penny Lawrence- <u>RRR- (All members invited)</u> planning meeting for our guild and member involvement 1pm – 3pm Sara's MPR
2/12/26	Robin Long – <u>Lecture</u> - Modern Mariner's Compass, Strip Pieced!
3/12/26	Linda S. Schmidt - <u>Lecture</u> - Short attention span trunk show
3/14/26	Linda S. Schmidt – <u>Workshop</u> - Filament Fantasy
4/9/26	Alicia Campbell – “The Batty Lady “- <u>Lecture</u>
5/14/26	Quilt Auction
5/16/26	Workshop - How to mend those quilts you purchased at the Auction
6/11/26	Suzi Parron – <u>Lecture</u> - Barn Quilts Show and Share bring your favorite Heirloom Quilt
6/13/26	<u>Workshop</u> - Mini me banner workshop
7/9/26	Kena Dorsey– <u>Lecture and trunk show</u> – African adrinka symbols
7/11/26	<u>Workshop</u> - Kena Dorsey African adrinka symbols
8/13/26	Jellyroll competition roll-out and Quilt Show Instructions
9/10/26	Connie Sitar- <u>Lecture</u> - Landscape quilting and trunk show
10/8/26	Quilt Show How-To Videos and details for Quilt Show - Dear Jane presentation
Oct 24 & 25	<u>Quilt Show</u>
11/12/26	Melissa Nilsen – <u>Lecture</u> - short lecture on how to make perfect points
12/10/26	Holiday Party - Christmas themed walk

The workshop board will be displayed at each guild meeting. Sign-ups for workshops will be in the notebook next to workshop board.

Jerri Stoyanoff
 Programs



GUILD SOCIAL MEDIA-PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE

I encourage all our members to become members of the Santa Clarita Quilt Guild Facebook Page. It is a private group and only members can join. We highlight birthdays, projects, fun quotes and announcements especially with the 2026 Quilt Show coming up! Easy to do- just answer the 3 questions to qualify. Be sure to scroll down to see all 3 questions or you may miss some. Hope to see your name.

Marcia D

GUILD SOCIAL MEDIA- PUBLIC INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Did you know that our Guild has an Instagram account? Look for us at [santaclaritavalleyquiltguild](https://www.instagram.com/santaclaritavalleyquiltguild)

This is a public account. We try to post twice a week with the [#socialquilter](#), [#socialquiltguilds](#), and [#quilts](#). We do not post names unless approved. The intent is simply to reach out into the world and show them we exist.

If you're on Instagram, please follow and like.



Darlene S

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We have several quilts ready to be quilted. These quilts are various sizes. Some are spray basted some are not.

This is a great way to practice your quilting skills. I will be happy to bring them to our next guild meeting.

I can be reached at 818-642-3072.

Community Service Chair
Dana Montague



VA PROJECTS – CAL VET

Thank you to everyone who has been making blocks over the last year. We are in the process of kitting some of these blocks to make tops. They should be available by the June meeting since we have the auction in May. We have members who are making up new block kits which will be available at the next meeting. If you are willing to help us do the cutting for these kits, I will have patterns, plastic bags, and fabric at the meeting. You may also call or text me if you would like to start sooner. Block kits, top kits, and vest kits and both small and large quilts to be quilted will be available thru out the year.

I am hoping to make a delivery after the April meeting. If you have finished anything like vests or quilts and can bring them, please do. The next delivery after the one in April will be in November or December. I have space in storage for the donations.

Patti Voyles
VA Coordinator

We received the following thank you letter for our donations honoring our California Veterans.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS HOME OF CALIFORNIA - WLA**

11500 Nimitz Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90049-3566
Telephone: (424) 832-8554



March 11, 2026

Patricia Voyles
VA Project Coordinator
Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild
P.O. Box 802863
Santa Clarita, CA 91380

Dear Ms. Voyles,

On behalf of the Veterans Home of California – West Los Angeles, please accept our sincere thanks for your generous donation of beautifully handcrafted items, including quilts, clothing protectors, a wall hanging, and a wheelchair bag, lovingly made by the Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild. The vibrant colors and outstanding craftsmanship truly reflect the care and thoughtfulness behind this meaningful gift. The estimated value of your donation is \$12,920.00.

Your generosity makes a significant difference in the lives of our residents and directly supports our mission to honor and enhance the well-being of those who have faithfully served our country. We are truly grateful for your kindness and continued commitment to our Veterans.

Thank you again for your generosity and support, it is sincerely appreciated. Please find your donation acknowledgment form enclosed.

Warm regards,

Pamela White

Pamela White
Coordinator of Volunteer Services

HONORING CALIFORNIA'S VETERANS



HOSPITALITY

March snacks are **G through Q**. If you bring your snack in a serving dish, please label it. Please also pick it up before leaving the meeting. We don't always know who brought which specific plate, bowl, or casserole dish. We would hate to just leave a member's heirloom dish at the church simply because we do not know who owns it. If you do forget to pick it up, then by having your name on it, we will return it at the following meeting or contact you directly.

Dolores & Kendra
Your Hospitality Team

IFFI CHALLENGE

To my all the 2026 Challenge participants thank you for turning in your IFFI lists. We have 20 members working on their projects for this Challenge. Some have already completed theirs. I have been so impressed with those I have seen. As I said in my last article, I have only finished 2 but have two more ready to be quilted.

Please remember all projects must have been started before January 2026. All completed projects submitted must be finished including quilting, label (only if you want to be in that drawing and you do not want to answer to Joyce) and binding. Remember labels are extra credit and have their own drawing.

See you at the April meeting and I look forward to seeing your completed project.
Nancy Goettling



WAYS AND MEANS

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the March Raffle!

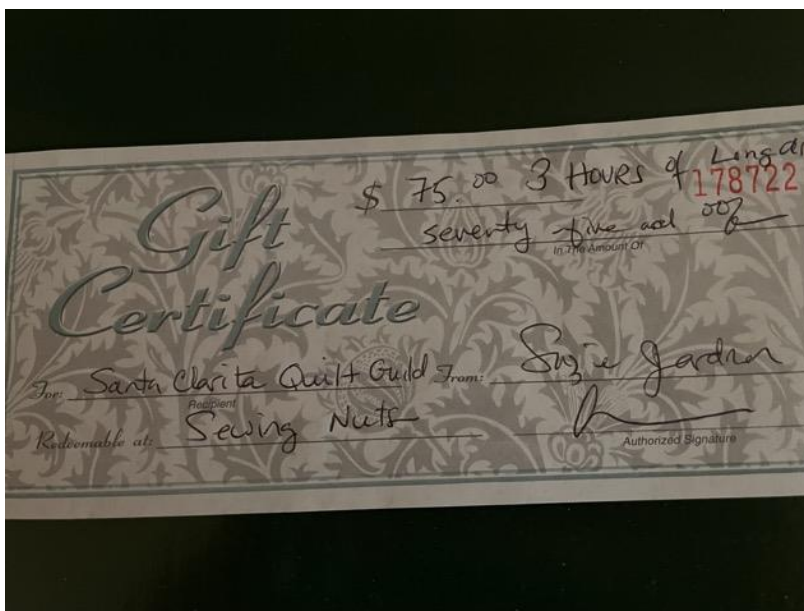
#1 Fairy Flowers	Susie R.
#2 Scrappy Sparklers	Carolyn D.
#3 Sugar N Spice	Lynn A. (from AV quilt guild)
#4 French Hens	Barbara M.
\$5 Two by Two	Rose P.

Happy Spring! It's so great to see the flowers in bloom and the hills a vibrant green. We're excited to announce that in April we will raffle off a \$75 gift certificate from our local quilt shop, Sewing Nuts on Newhall Avenue. The gift certificate may only be used for long arm quilting services.

Also, we have a jelly roll rug kit, a blue batik bundle, and two lovely Kaffe floral packages. We hope to see you at the Ways and Means table in April. 6 tickets for \$5.

Ways and Means Committee,
Laura H. and Barbara S.





WEBSITE

To view photos of the March Lecture with Linda S. Schmidt - Short Attention Span trunk show, use the photo drop down menu Page 1

Opportunity Quilt 2026

To view our 2026 Opportunity Quilt "My Garden "use the drop-down menu to Opportunity Quilt page 1.

Carol Carter
Web Mistress



MINI-GROUPS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Meeting Information</i>
Monday Mavens	Melissa Nilsen	Meets the 1 st Monday Melissa's house – starting at 9am Space limited please RSVP to Melissa
	Doryce Fitzgerald	Meets the 3rd Monday at Doryce's house - starting at 9am Space limited please RSVP to Doryce
Stitch n' Chat	Carol Carter	Meets 4th Thursday of each month at Darlene's house Space limited, must RSVP to Carol. Time 9:30 – 12:30 We try to showcase a different Quilting technique at each meeting and then put those techniques to use in creating items for the Guild community service projects.
Quilters in the Park	Kendra Geiger	Every other Friday, Central Park on Bouquet Cyn near the restrooms closest to the dog park, Fall/Winter/Spring hours 11:15ish – 1:30pm Summer hours 9:15ish – 11:00am weather permitting Everyone is welcome. Holiday date may change Dates for 2026 – 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29 , 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, 9/4 , 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11
Saturday Sewing at Sara's	Sara Nelson	Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month, 10:00am – 2pm at Sara's Multi-Purpose Room. Must RSVP to Sara.

All groups are open and encourage new members. If you want to attend a meeting, we recommend calling the contact to ensure that nothing has changed since this listing.

2026 OPPORTUNITY QUILT –





TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank of America Checking February 2026

Beginning Balance 2/1/26 **\$ 41,401.48**

Deposits and Other Credits

13-Feb	DEP	Ways & Means	\$	155.00
13-Feb	DEP	IFFI	\$	190.00
13-Feb	DEP	Membership/Square	\$	53.42
19-Feb	DEP	Membership	\$	1,410.00
19-Feb	DEP	Workshops	\$	120.00

Total Credits \$ 1,928.42

Withdrawals and Other Debits

1-Feb	3146	Robin Long/Speaker	\$	506.00
1-Feb	3147	Doryce Fitzgerald/OpQuilt	\$	15.00
1-Feb	3148	Doryce Fitzgerald/OpQuilt	\$	32.99
1-Feb	3149	Bella Vida - SCV Sr. Center/Quilt Show	\$	3,124.00
1-Feb	3150	City Of Santa Clarita/Cowboy Festival	\$	224.00
18-Feb	3151	Jerri Stoyanoff/Workshop Supplies	\$	35.09
18-Feb	3152	Carol Carter/Newsletter Postage	\$	27.40
28-Feb	Fee	Bank Of America Fee	\$	4.95

Total Debits \$ 3,969.43

Ending Balance 2/28/26 **\$ 39,360.47**

Darlene Stump,
 Treasurer



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 2 new members in March 2026. Please welcome, Jennifer Kowal and Mandy Litteken. Welcome back to the guild, Nadine Olmstead, Lourdes Isaacson, Judy Polintan. We have a total of 119 members; not all members have renewed. We will be accepting new members for 2026 at every meeting. Bring the new membership form and money or credit card to the next meeting.

We will be taking cash, check and credit card. When you are renewing and have special requests such as no pictures or no last name, please note them on your form. If you want to receive the newsletter by mail, you must pay \$20.00 extra.

If you know anyone who would like to join, please bring them to one of our meetings. If we have an outside speaker, the fee will be \$5. I think they would enjoy it. We have a great year and lots of fun to come.

Please support our associate members and business partners viewed in the newsletter and on our website. They would appreciate your business.

Thank you,

Carol Carter
Membership Chair

Happy Birthday to our April Ladies:

Kathy Mihalick – April 11
Darlene Stump - April - 22
Helen Lopez – April - 22
Kathleen Dolan – April - 28
Kris Dolan – April - 28





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Tues - Sat 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday 12pm - 4 pm

Mondays by appointment only



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Sewing Nuts 20% off
to our guild
members any day



Quilt Shop and Bernina
Sewing Machine dealer
23661 Newhall Ave
Santa Clarita
661-666-0158
sewingnuts.com
M -F 10am - 6 pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday- 10 am - 5 pm

Sewing Machine Warehouse



16214 Nordhoff Street
North Hills, CA 91343
818-332-7777
Kneedle.com

Rye Canyon Supply Company



Rye Canyon Supply Company
28150 Avenue Crocker #207
Valencia, Ca 91355
562-607-5642
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Rotary Club



Website:

<http://scvrotaryclub.com/>

Miles Chemical





Things to Remember:

- ❖ Wear your name tag
- ❖ Sign-in sheet at the door
- ❖ Reach out to Guests and New Members
- ❖ **G thru Q** please bring treats

This Month's Meeting Calendar:

- ❖ **General Meeting: Thursday, April 9th**
Meeting starts at 6:50pm
at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church
26440 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Saugus, CA
- ❖ **Business Meeting: Thursday, April 16th**
meeting starts at 6:30pm at Penny Kendall-
Lawrence's residence.



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