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 NOV

What a fabulous quilt show we had! A heartfelt thank-you to Darlene S. and Joann L., our chairs, for this wonderful event. We had 84 members, along with friends and family, who helped make our show such a spectacular success. A special thank-you to Ron M. for refurbishing our old quilt racks into rods, allowing our quilts to hang beautifully instead of being pinned to the draping material.

Our November meeting is our annual meeting, when we will hold elections and present the 2027 budget for a vote. The slate of candidates will be announced, and nominations may also be made from the floor. We are still looking for a candidate for Secretary.

December brings our Holiday Party! Mandy has graciously accepted the chair position for this year's celebration. As in years past, we will enjoy a potluck. Mandy will have sign-up sheets at our November meeting for the various dishes we can bring.

Our Programs Chair, Jerri S., is busy lining up speakers for 2027. It promises to be another exciting year filled with fresh ideas, new techniques, and creative inspiration!

If you haven't already done so, please bring your completed Opportunity Quilt tickets and give them to Andrea, our Quilt Mom. At our December meeting, we will raffle off our beautiful 2026 Opportunity Quilt!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting!

Penny Kendall-Lawrence - President

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2027 ELECTIONS

At our annual general meeting in November, the slate of Nominees will be presented. Additional nominations can be taken from the floor. Our Parliamentarian will conduct the election and follow the rules in our bylaws.

2027 Slate of Nominees

President – Connie Sitar
1st Vice President – Sara-Anne Nelson
2nd Vice President – Jerri Stoyanoff
Secretary – Position is Open
Treasurer – Julie Cook

The Secretary position has the following duties:
Will keep accurate record of all executive board meetings and business portions of general meetings and email the minutes to the Executive Board. Will collect mail from the post office box and handle correspondence. Will be authorized to co-sign checks.

We are also looking for chairpersons for the Senior Center, Cowboy Festival, and Block of the Month.

Other volunteer jobs available: Help make kits for Veterans and/or Shadow Programs.
If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me or anyone on the Executive Board or a past officer.

Penny Kendall-Lawrence

DEC HOLIDAY PARTY

Winter Wonderland Holiday Potluck

Join us on December 10th for our Quilt Guild's annual holiday potluck! Let's celebrate the season with good food, friendship, laughter, and a little winter wonderland magic!

Sign-up sheets for food, beverages, and table decorations will be available at our November meeting.

Looking forward to celebrating together and enjoying the wonderful company of our quilting community!

Mandy Litteken

QUILT SHOW

What an exhilarating weekend! The 2026 QUILT SHOW brought us all together: working, sharing, and admiring each other's work. Each of the elements that the Planning Committee first focused on were brought to fruition, and dare we say it was successful. The entire Guild shared in pulling this off. Yes, it was a lot of work, but the number of smiles shared was even greater.

We thank you for trusting us to lead you in this grand adventure!

At the November Guild Meeting we will share the financial information. For now, let's take a moment to review the award winners as decided by our Judge, Linda Rasmussen.

Joann Lombardi and Darlene Stump
2026 Quilt Show Co-Chairs

QUILT SHOW – AWARDS

2026 QUILT SHOW AWARDS

Pieced - Large	First	Marcia Dains	Oh Dear! I did it!
	Second	Melissa Nilsen	Wedding Bliss
	Third	Melissa Nilsen	Ocean of Love
	Honorable Mention	Deborah Kahaku	Windsong 2024 Block of the Month
	Honorable Mention	Jann Ross	Blooming Nine Patch
Pieced - Wall	First	Melissa Nilsen	Pucker Power
	Second	Doryce Fitzgerald	Ellie the Elephant
	Third	Mary Moonitz	I forgot I did this
Applique - Large	First	Linda Pursell	Cherry Basket Quilt
	Second	Sheila Dutka	Hop To It
	Third	Connie Sitar	Wildflower Collage
	Honorable Mention	Joyce Wilkinson	Bee Happy
Applique - Wall	First	Connie Sitar	Birds, Bees, Bugs and Blooms
	Second	Linda Pursell	Little Village Friends
	Third	Deborah Kahaku	Volcano Nēnē
	Honorable Mention	Lorraine Quintero	Glitter House
Handwork	First	Marcia Dains	Ode to Margarete
Modern	First	Christina DeChellis	Shattered: Blue
	Second	Jean Carter	Sticks & Stones
	Third	Renee Stump	Paris, Je T'Aime
Art Quilt	First	Jean Carter	Tiny Treasures
	Second	Connie Sitar	Pete the Pelican
	Third	Jean Carter	Deconstructed New York Beauty
Novice	First	Jennifer Kowal	Heart Strings Wedding Quilt
	Second	Xochitl Cruz	Triangle Colorway
	Third	Suzanne Guinn	Ava's Quilt

2026 QUILT SHOW AWARDS

Hand Quilting	First	Marilyn Ferril	Double Irish Chain in Green
	Second	Judy Costello	Fall pineapple
	Third	Holly Scott	Square Scare
Domestic Quilting	First	Kim Diemert	Russian Kiev Mishka Lapy (Bear Paws)
Long Arm/Mid Quilting	First	Joan Anderson	Christmas Snowmen in Red
	Second	Joan Anderson	Gathering
Professional Quilting	First	Christina DeChellis	Flora's Flowers
	Second	Christina DeChellis	Merlin's Magic
STELLA Awards			
Bella Vida		Marcia Dains	Have your Read Harry Potter?
Bridge To Home		Judy Polintan	Safari
Family Promise		Laura Hawkins	Scrappy Vintage Christmas
Guide Dogs of America		Judy Costello	E Pluribus Unum
RISE		Judy Costello	E Pluribus Unum
SCV Pregnancy Center		Carolyn Moore	Awesome Ocean
Veterans		Patti Voyles	America, 250 Years

And the Judge's Choice Award went to Linda Pursell for her Cherry Basket Quilt.

QUILT SHOW – BASKETS

A BIG!! Shoutout to all the members and nonmembers that donated to make our 15 raffle baskets, Awesome!! As you may have seen on FB, Melissa was posting the baskets as a preview.

Thanks again,
Joyce W., Nancy G. and Melissa N.

PROGRAMS – PERFECT POINTS

This meeting, we have our own Melissa Nilsen lecturing on Perfect Points. Getting those points to line up in traditional piecing is one of the most frustrating challenges that quilters face. Melissa will share a handful of tips to help you finish blocks that fit together while preserving those crisp points.



Jerri Stoyanoff
Programs

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Programs 2026

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our guild has grown quite a bit this year! We encourage members to come visit the community service table that is positioned behind the membership table.

Our guild donates to several organizations that serve many various individuals in the SCV, Pregnancy Center, Family Promise, Bridge to Home as well as R I S E. We are actively seeking a person or two or three that would be interested is heading up the creation of placemats, lap quilts and shawls for the SCV Senior Center. Our guild provides the funds to bring joy to the senior recipients during the holidays. Please contact me or Debbie Ackerman for more information.

Huge thank you to our guild members that turned in quilts to be donated to individuals in need in our valley. The smiles that come over the faces of the recipients are memorable!

Thank you for your continued dedication!

Community Service Chair,
Dana Montague

COMMUNITY SERVICE – VETERNS

We are nearing year end. I have 5 quilts and about the same number of vests. If you have anything ready, including work in progress like tops that need quilting. Please bring them to the meeting!

I am also reaching out to see if several of you would be willing to assist on a VA committee. We would meet about 3 or 4 times a year to set up kits including cutting pieces for blocks, choosing blocks and fabric to make various top sizes, putting together spray basted small quilts, cutting batting and creating backs for large quilts, or cutting and assembling kits for vests. Not everything is done each time. Currently the need is for the vests (or clothing protectors). Come see me at the VA table at our meeting if you have questions or want to help.

Patti V

COMMUNITY SERVICE – GUIDE DOGS / TENDER LOVING CANINES

Our quilt top is complete, and for those of you who were at the show, you had a chance to see it. I appreciate the wonderful work that everyone did to contribute to this effort. Next, the quilt will be provided with backing and binding and be taken to our quilter sometime in the next month. We'll see it again in January, when hopefully, someone from GDA will come to get it.

Patti V and Gabrielle L, co-chairs

COMMUNITY SERVICE – SENIOR CENTER

Missed you all last month but I know Lorraine took good care of you all. Thank you, Lorraine, for all you have done these last 8 years for community service, yes, 8 years working so hard, supporting me and our guild, first with The Pregnancy center and then the last three years with the senior center. Thank you so much Lorraine!

It is now time for someone to step up, as we step down. We are still looking for a new chairperson for the senior center. Please let me know if you're interested thank you in advance.

At our last meeting Lorraine took in 52 completely placemats. I will be contacting the senior center for a date to deliver everything we have been collecting throughout the year. I will keep you posted as to that date.

Thank you for all you support
Debbie A

HOSPITALITY

Snacks are R through Z. 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

WEBSITE

To view photos of the October Dear Jane presentation and Show and Share, 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

WAYS AND MEANS

Congratulations to the lucky October winners!

#1 Darlene T.
#2 Judy P.
#3 Penny L.
#4 Nancy F.
#5 Vickie R.

Ways and Means has 5 new packages for the November raffle. Four of the packages include a Christmas holiday theme and 1 package is non-holiday related. We have two 14 x 14 pillow forms, Redwork, Plaid, a Sewing Machine cookie cutter, charm pack, and a layer cake. Come see Laura and Barbara at the Ways and Means table.

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









MINI-GROUPS

Name	*Contact*	*Meeting Information*
Monday Mavens	Melissa Nilsen	Meets the 1st & 3rd Monday at Melissa's house– starting at 9:30 am – 12:30 pm RSVP to Melissa
Stitch n' Chat	Carol Carter	Meets 4th Thursday of each month at Darlene's house space is limited, must RSVP to Carol to secure your space, limit is 16. Time 9:00 – 12:00 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



Don't forget to pick up your tickets at the next meeting if you haven't picked them up yet.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank of America Checking
September 2026

		Beginning Balance 9/1/26		**$ 36,984.39**
Deposits and Other Credits				
2-Sep	DEP	Quilt Show, Income:Vendors	$ 250.00	
10-Sep	DEP	2026 Opportunity Quilt Income:Quilt Show	$ 30.00	
11-Sep	DEP	Ways & Means, Income	$ 225.00	
15-Sep	DEP	Membership, Income:Guest Fee	$ 5.00	
15-Sep	DEP	Fabric Sale	$ 932.00	
15-Sep	DEP	2026 Opportunity Quilt Income:Fabric Sale	$ 145.00	
15-Sep	DEP	Fabric Sale - square	$ 598.32	
29-Sep	DEP	Quilt Show, Income:Vendors	$ 200.00	
		Total Credits	$ 2,385.32	
Withdrawals and Other Debits				
1-Sep	3186	Jean Carter/Quilt Show	120.71	
4-Sep	3187	Marcia Dains/Quilt Show	27.44	
4-Sep	3188	Marcia Dains/Quilt Show Awards	326.48	
4-Sep	3189	Jean Carter/Quilt Show Printing	14.26	
15-Sep	3190	AV Party Rentals/Pipe & Drape	890.72	
15-Sep	3191	Laura Hawkins/Ways & Means	91.41	
15-Sep	3192	Darlene Stump/Quilt Show	300.29	
28-Sep	3193	Mary Moonitz/Quilt Show	45.12	
28-Sep	3194	Jerri Stoyanoff/Programs	56.02	
		Total Debits	$ 1,872.45	
		Ending Balance 9/30/26		**$ 37,497.26**

Darlene Stump, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At our October meeting, we had 76 members and 3 visitors attend.

If you need to order a name tag, please see Carol Carter at the membership table. The name tags will be handled differently. You will have to pay for the name tag separately; cash is the only way. No credit card for this item. The Cost is $10.00.

Thank you,

Carol Carter
Membership Chair

Happy Birthday to our Nov. Ladies:



Nov 07 - Jon Russikoff
Nov 07 - Marina Jarocki
Nov 12 - Judy Costello
Nov 13 - Rose Pickel
Nov 15 - Cathy Denise
Nov 16 - Sharon Wright
Nov 21 - Joan Anderson
Nov 21 - Joann Lombardi
Nov 21 - Trudy Edwards
Nov 27 - Judy Jones
Nov 29 - Julie Cook



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

This is a public account. We try to post twice a week with the #socalquilter, #socalquiltguilds, 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

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Please turn in all finished or unfinished blocks from the BOM. Thank you!

Thank you!
Claire and Melissa

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Rotary Club



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Miles Chemical



Things to Remember:

- Wear your name tag
- Sign-in sheet at the door
- Reach out to Guests and New Members
- R thru Z please bring treats

This Month's Meeting Calendar:

- General Meeting: Thursday, Nov 12th
  Meeting starts at 6:50pm
  at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church
  26440 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Saugus, CA

- Business Meeting: Thursday, Nov 19th
  meeting starts at 6:30pm at Penny Kendall-Lawrence's residence.

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