



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY QUILT GUILD

Promoting the art of quilting through sharing, friendship, education, and meaningful service to our community.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ahoy! I am off to visit Rome!! Sorry I will miss our February meeting, but the world is calling me. Our fabulous Vice President, Linda Buesching, will be leading the meeting.

We had an outstanding Community Service meeting this January. The Mayor, Laurene Weste, was our special guest. She graciously presented each guild member with a personally signed certificate of appreciation from the City of Santa Clarita for all the hard work that went into the California Department of Veteran Affairs and Homes4families Veteran Enriched Neighborhood® project. We would like to thank the Mayor and the City of Santa Clarita for recognizing all the work that went into making 78 quilts for this project. Our goal is to enrich our community through service and this project helped us achieve this. I would like to personally thank Kris Dolan and her team that coordinated our efforts and made this project possible.

A **BIG** thank you to our Community Service Team, for making it a great night. They were well prepared with kits galore for members to pick up and take home, from placemats to quilts. The demonstrations of binding and flip and turn were perfect. They make service fun!

Linda Kussoy jumped right up and accepted the Mini Group Coordinator position. Look for her to help you find a mini group for more fun with guild members.

We are looking for two new members who would like to expand their world and let Sue Bennorth mentor them to become our new Programs VP and/or Workshop coordinator. It is a great position. You will attend Meet the Teachers in April, select our speakers and get to know them ahead of time, and schedule the workshops for the year. The program for this year is already done, so you will be working on speakers for 2020. Pick a friend or two and see Sue. Don't be shy, you will love the new friends you make!

As your new president I'm excited for this new year and looking forward to making new friends, continuing to serve the community and having lots of fun!

See you in March!

Joyce Wilkinson

Aka Minnie

PROGRAMS

This month, be prepared for romancing the fabric when Karen Gloeggler visits us on Valentine's Day with her lecture, *Lacking Sense and Sensibility*, while she introduces us to her Jane Austen themed quilts. Her workshop, *Mansfield Park*, is scheduled for February 16th. We currently have over 15 members signed up for the workshop, so it is a go – please see me at the meeting to sign up and get your supply list for the workshop! Be advised that there is pre-cutting to be done, so if you want to attend, email me and I will send you the Needs List.

In March, Tiffany Hayes will bring her Trunk Show to our guild. She designs patterns for some of the newest fabric lines. Her designs are available on her website, NeedleinaHayesStack.biz, or in fabric stores, catalogs or magazines. She will be sharing these designs with us at our meeting. Her workshop, *Tessalla*, is on the following Saturday, March 16. I only have two people signed up at this point, so if I don't get eight more at the February meeting, I will have to cancel. Please come to the Programs table to sign up!

April brings our annual Block Auction – Barbara Montejo has a brief request below for donation of incomplete projects. I know I tend to buy other people's incomplete work and finish it – don't know why I can do that and not get my own projects done!

Workshop Sign Ups: I will have samples for both the February workshop and the March workshop at the February meeting. I am hoping to also have a supply list for April's Stack 'n' Whack class being taught by our own Donna Chipperfield. Sign-ups for that class are booming, so be sure to get enrolled so you won't be left out. It will be held at the Canyon View Estates Community Room and we can seat up to 24 people so hurry and get your seat reserved!

Keep on Quilting!

Sue Bennorth

WORKSHOPS ON THE WEBSITE

Carol Carter has added a button to the website that accesses the workshop photos. Just scroll

down to the Workshops section of the home page and click



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Thanks, Carol!!

Sue Bennorth

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We did it!!! We made 78 quilts for the 78 veterans who purchased homes in the Veteran Enriched Neighborhood here in Santa Clarita. The quilts that were not chosen by our veterans, went with Patti Voyles to the VA and Cal Vet Residence in Westwood. It was wonderful to welcome our Santa Clarita City Mayor, Lauren Weste, the President and CEO of

Homes 4 Families, (Habitat for Humanity), Donna Deutchman, and our biggest cheerleader, Donielle De Leon, the Director of Corporate and Community Engagement of Homes 4 Families. The City of Santa Clarita handed out beautiful, personalized Certificates of Appreciation to our members. If you were not there to receive yours, check with us at next month's meeting. Thank you all for your hard work to get this project completed.

Kris Dolan

WAYS AND MEANS

Happy Valentine's Day: And a special thank you to Candace, Millie's granddaughter who visited and helped with the January Ways and Means. We wish her well as she returns to college for another semester.

A year in review: Ways and Means Monthly Offerings totaled \$1515 for the year. Outstanding contribution to the yearly budget for speakers, projects and workshops. Thank you. The yearly budget is \$200 and all but \$2.88 was spent due to the wonderful contributions of fabric, notions and other items for the baskets.

January Results:

Kendra Geiger- Loving that Red, for Valentine's Day

Linda Kassoy- 'Purrfect" Porcelain Cat Fabric

Susan Kipper - Hawaiann Surprise

Geneva Axline- Happiness is Sewing

Carol Carter- 2 Road to CA tickets

February Opportunities:

Birdhouse Village kit with fabric

Notion Tool bag

Luck of the Irish

Sweetheart fabric

Also, plastic quilting templates will be available for a nominal cost

Ways and Means creates baskets each month for which members (and guests) may buy opportunity tickets. \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Write your name on your ticket(s) and place them in the container corresponding with the basket you can't live without. Participants will receive a thank you gift. During the meeting we pull tickets to announce the names of those who will go home with the basket(s). Great fun and superb values!! You can browse leisurely and buy your tickets from 6:30 to 7:00 during the social time as well as during the short break later in the program.

Cleaning? I saw an adorable wreath made with older spools of thread (with thread on them or not) and if you have any to donate, I would like to try to make some for Ways and Means and/or boutiques. They used all kinds like the small flattened spools for buttonhole twist or

the wooden ones from Coats and Clarks. Not too many white plastic were used but not to say they can't be used. Thank you ahead of time for any donations.

Marcia Dains & Millie Kerr

I FINALLY FINISHED IT!! (IFFI)

The IFFI (I Finally Finished It) project has begun for 2019. It's easy to join. Make a list of projects you hope to finish in 2019, give the list to Pam Skaggs and put \$10 in the kitty. Every time you finish a project and show it or a picture of it to Pam, you get a ticket to the drawing in December for half the kitty. Last year's winner took home \$55. Could be MORE this year.

I can think of a lot of things I would use that extra money in December. How about you?

Pamela Skaggs

GUIDE DOGS QUILT

This is our year to deliver a quilt which means I am about 5 months behind in letting everyone in on making squares. I need to get it done before March if possible. We need about 30 squares at 12 1/2" unfinished edge blocks (12" after being sewn into the quilt). Use fall colors and a beige background with at least one dog themed fabric included. If you wish to do applique or something similar with a dog printed fabric use the same beige type fabric for background where needed. Be sure contrast is good within the block! For instance, the beige should be very light so your blocks show up well.

To complete the quilt, we will have a sew day in late February to assemble blocks and add borders. We need at least 30 blocks to make this work. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Patti Voyles

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks to all members who took Senior Center placemat kits and binding kits at January meeting.

Hope everyone enjoyed our members that did demonstrations.

Binding demonstration:

Sheryl Zurek

Patty Vergon

Free motion demonstration:

Joan Anderson

Placemat kit demonstration:

Doryce Fitzgerald

Carol Carter

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't already done so, PLEASE RENEW your membership!! Dues are \$50, or if you are over 62, it's \$45. I need all members to fill out the 2018 Membership Form which is available on our website or at the meeting. You may pay cash or write a check payable to SCVQG. If unable to attend the February meeting, please mail a check to the guild made out to SCVQG. The address is: PO Box 802863 Santa Clarita, CA 91380.

REMEMBER - you must pay by this February meeting in order to be included in the 2019 directory. I will be assembling it and plan to have it for our March meeting. Please remember to wear your name tags to the meetings so we can get to know each other. You can purchase a name tag for \$10 or make your own.

January birthdays:

Marcia Dains - Jan 04
 Carol Carter - Jan 07
 Dana Montague - Jan 16
 Pamela Skaggs - Jan 19
 Karen Warloe - Jan 25
 Sherryl Zurek - Jan 25
 Millie Kerr - Jan 28

Lizete O'Connor - Jan 30

February birthdays:

Dolores Roux-Jones - Feb 01
 Sherry Martinelli - Feb 12
 Judy Chaffee - Feb 14
 Erin O'Brien - Feb 15
 Pamela Patterson - Feb 26

See you soon!

Leslie Wright, Melissa Nilsen, & Pam Skaggs

TREASURER'S REPORT

SCVQG Treasurer's Summary

As of January 1.24.2019

Audit Pending

Beginning Balance	\$19,394.65
Income	
December-Additional	\$106.97
January	\$3,814.00
Total Income	\$3,920.97
Expenses	\$1,318.64
Balance as of January 24, 2019	\$21,996.98
CD	\$7,727.42
Total Balance	\$29,724.40

Susan Kipper

FREE QUILT FRAME



This quilt frame is available for free to anyone who can go into the San Fernando Valley to pick it up. The gentleman who owns it can be reached at tomanypaws@aol.com.

Carol Carter

BLOCK AUCTION IN APRIL

Our Block Auction will be on April 11 so I will be collecting item at the February and March meetings. Please look in your sewing room for blocks, quilt tops, fabric, notions, etc. that you no longer need and bring them to our meeting.

Thanks so much,
Barbara Montejo

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

I am looking forward to seeing LOTS of the "Candy Twist" blocks turned in at our February 14th meeting. If you did not pick up a copy of the January pattern at the last meeting, a copy can be found on our website - scvquiltguld.org - under the drop down menu for "Guild Info". For every block you turn in, you will get a ticket for the prize drawings...and a special treat too! All of your blocks will be used to make take home cuddle quilts for the kids at Paul Newman's Painted Turtle Camp. That is a good reason to make lots of our monthly blocks, right?

I will have a new pattern sheet available at our next meeting for you to try in February, also for the kids, check out my display board and pick up the pattern then! Thanks for helping. You can contact me with any questions at: Lvonmohr@sbcglobal.net.

Linda von Mohr

SCCQG ANNOUNCEMENT

Debbie's Quilt Shop is requesting quilt blocks with houses from all over to help local quilters recover from the Camp Fire. The blocks must be 10 1/2 inches (10-inch finished) and may be pieced, appliquéd, or embroidered. Please use good quality 100% cotton quilt shop fabric. Each block must also have something written on it with permanent ink...an inspiring saying, your name and city, or just your city and the date. The houses on the blocks may be traditional, modern, or wonky...as long as the block is 10.5 inches. My shop has not yet

moved into its new address, so blocks may be sent to my home for now: Debbie's Quilt Shop, 6287 Fremont Drive, Magalia, CA 95954.

HOSPITALITY

N - Z – bring snacks. Hospitality will provide beverages as usual.

Dolores, Kendra and Barbara

2019 Workshops

Feb. 16	Karen Gloeggler / Mansfield Park
Mar. 16	Tiffany Hayes / Tessalla
Apr. 13	Donna Chipperfield / Stack 'n' Whack
May 11	Roberta Nicholson / Scrap Happy
July 13	Linda Sullivan / Cosmos No Fear Curved Piecing
Aug. 10	Peggy Martin / New Paper Piecing Project of her choosing
Oct. 12	Lola Newman / Blackwork Patchwork (Civil War Era Embroidery)
Nov. 16	Margarete Heinisch / Hand Applique Flower

Twelve Essential Quilting Tips

These 12 basic quilting tips will help quilters of *ALL* levels make beautiful quilts quickly and easily.

Paying attention to these simple details will help keep you moving through a project rather than having to stop and restart.

1. Read “ALL” instructions thoroughly before you begin.
Understanding where a pattern is headed and what supplies will be needed will help to get through each step with ease.
2. Use an *accurate* 1/4” seam allowance.
Accuracy is *key* in quilting. Spot check occasionally to make sure your seams are correct. Investing in a 1/4” foot for your machine will help. When all of the seams are the same size the pieces will fit together easily and the seams will match up neatly. Remember to *lock* those seams!
3. Always *pin* before you sew.
Pinning helps align seams properly. This helps you avoid having to rip them out later.
4. Always *set* seams.
To achieve a straight seam press the sewn seam flat. *STRAIGHT UP & DOWN* not sideways! Then press it in the direction you want it to lay. The finished top will be worth the extra effort.
5. Replace your sewing machine needle regularly.
Change your needle approximately every 8 hours of sewing time or for every new quilt top. Using a nice sharp needle will insure it moves smoothly through fabric and helps to prevent snagging, skipping and pulling.
6. Get *organized* before beginning your project.
Make sure you have all notions you’ll need on hand.
Pre-wind those bobbins!
Iron your fabric *before* you cut.
7. Keep *scissors* handy.
For convenience, store a small pair of scissors near your machine for snipping loose threads.
8. Buy the *best* your budget will allow.
Choosing *quality* fabrics and notions will make your projects more enjoyable to create. It will also help to avoid the frustrations that can come from using inferior fabrics, notions or equipment.
9. Just Start small.
If you’re new to quilting, making smaller projects such as your name badge, pillows, mini quilts and runners is a great way to build your confidence and skills.
10. Make *Oversized* blocks.
When making classic blocks such as Half-Square Triangles or Flying Geese, sew slightly over-sized blocks (If the pattern doesn’t already account for it.) Then trim them down to the correct size. The finished look is worth the effort.
11. Save leftover batting.
Scraps from larger projects are often a good size for those smaller projects and will keep you from having cut into your bigger pieces.
12. Take *join* or *start* a class.
Join one of our in-home groups. Getting some help and advice is a great way to hone your skills as well as meet other creative like minded people who share your interest.

MINI-GROUPS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Meeting Information</i>
Super Star Quilters ***	Patti Voyles 259-6198	Meets first and third Tuesday 7 p.m. - rotating member's home
Cut-Up Mini Group (full for now)	Joyce Wilkinson	Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month
Monday Mavens (full for now)	Kris Dolan	Meets first and third Mondays
The Tuesday Evening Quilters***	Carolyn Walker 661-296-0402 New members please call first for instruction and directions.	Meets every Tuesday evening at 5:45 PM Greenbrier Estates East Mobile Home Park – Recreation Room 21301 Soledad Canyon Rd.
Sweetwater Sisters (full for now)	Donna Chipperfield	Meets the first Saturday of each month.

*** indicates membership is open. If you want to attend a meeting, we recommend calling to be sure that nothing has changed since this listing

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Things to Remember:

- ❖ *Next meeting, February 14, 2019*
- ❖ Initial sign-in sheet at the door
- ❖ Verify your contact information.
- ❖ Wear your name tag
- ❖ Bring your Membership forms/checks
- ❖ Bring Show and Share quilts

This Month's Calendar:

General Meeting: February 14, 2019
Social Hour: 6:30 - 7:00 PM
Meeting starts at 7:00 PM
Santa Clarita United Methodist Church
26640 Bouquet Canyon Road
Saugus, CA.

Business Meeting: February 21, 2019 – 6:30 PM
Newhall Public Library, 2nd floor



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www.scvquiltguild.org

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