



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

April Showers bring May Flowers!

The Guild is being showered with fabulous members, good news, and great opportunities. Welcome to all the new and returning members who have joined in a year that is “blooming” with activities, workshops, speakers, boutiques, and a QUILT SHOW!

SAVE THE DATE (Saturday, October 26th, 2024) and spread the word that “Where Quilts and Friendships Bloom” will be at Bella Vida (SCV Senior Center).

Kathleen Dolan, Show Chair, will need everyone’s help to put it together. What are your skills? Computer? Publicity? Constructing Ribbons? Check in? White gloving? Each of you has your own special way to contribute, and the first meeting will be Saturday, April 27 at Sara’s MPR beginning at 10 am. All members are encouraged to attend no matter how long you have been in the Guild -- it is the most fun way to meet each other. Also, it is not too early to consider which quilt you would love to show.

Cowboy Festival specific time sign-up sheet will be available at our next meeting. We will need 2-3 members for a 2-3 hour time period beginning at approximately 8 am Saturday (4/20) and 9 am on Sunday (4/21) until 5 pm both days. It will be in Hart Park and attendees (and workers) will either park in the satellite lot and take a bus to the venue or be dropped off. It is well organized, but arriving and departing should be planned ahead of time for your convenience. More information will be shared as I get it.

A huge thank you to Kendra’s Cowboy sew-along for all the microwave bowls that they made for the boutique, and to Darlene’s Stitch and Chat children’s denim/cowboy themed aprons. So cute!



Want to know how to photograph your quilts? April 11 will be our next general meeting and that will be the topic for the night. Super information for personal use as well in preparation for the quilt show.

"Mini Me" patterns will be available for those members who did not make one for the 2020 show. We want to be sure to include everyone's banner in October. So exciting!

May you have Happy Quilting with Happy Quilters!!
Marcia

CALIFORNIA HERITAGE QUILT PROJECT (CHQP.ORG)

Arlene Stevens spoke enthusiastically at our Guild last year, explaining how the CHQP group is working to document the history of California quilts. This group then uploads its findings to the international Quilt Index (quiltindex.org), which works out of Michigan State U.

People can join in either as individuals, as has Marcia D, or as a guild, as your board has decided because we have many excellent quilts that would fit right into this project. Our first start would be with president and opportunity quilts. However, the tough part is getting the requisite quilt owner's consent. Patti V has one of each and has offered to help us begin.

This is going to be a long task, full of paperwork. If you have or know someone who has a guild quilt, please let me know. If you wish to enter as an individual, I can help you, too. This project will help preserve our beautiful work for future generations.

Gabrielle L

2024 WORKSHOP INFORMATION

The workshop board for 2024 will be displayed at each guild meeting. Sign-ups for workshops will be in the notebook next to workshop board.

Carol Carter
Programs



PROGRAMS – SHOOT YOUR QUILT

Trudy Cleveland presents: "Shoot Your Quilt"

A program that covers the topic of photography of your quilt. Using only your smartphone, I will discuss how to get professional looking images.

Lecture will cover:

Why you should photograph your quilts. How to photograph them, and how to store and organize your photographs.



Lecture followed by a trunk show of the quilts featured in the power point presentation.

Hope you will join us.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT 2025

Hey, here comes 2025! If y'all are itching to do another block, well, here's your annual chance. Yours truly will be the chair. At our April guild meeting, I will tell y'all the date (either late April or May) and location for our first meeting, which will decide the pattern. I will have a sign up sheet so I know how many can make it.

All are welcome! But...your homework will be to bring along one quilt pattern that you think is too gorgeous, worthy of our time, appealing to the masses, but not too complicated for even our new quilters to tackle. Then we'll vote on the best one.

Don't worry if you miss meeting #1. We'll have a few more, which will be the working and sewing sessions. Get your thinking caps on for meeting #1!

Gabrielle L



COMMUNITY SERVICE – SCV SENIOR CENTER

We received one small quilt, 22 completed placemats, 8 placemats that will need binding. Thank you for turning these items into the community service table.

Congratulations to the three winners of the community service drawing.

Look forward to see you all in April

Debbie A.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – PREGNANCY CENTER

A big thank you to members who turned in completed items at our last meeting. Please see me at the back table to turn in items, or get kits. Appreciate all the help you provide!

Lucy Scinta

COMMUNITY SERVICE – GDA/TLC

With the help of Melissa Nilsen, we are providing block kits for a saw tooth star. It was cut to use the no waste method for the flying geese. If you are not sure about instructions, please reach out to one of us. I had 14 blocks picked up this time. The design of the quilt calls for 30 - 40 blocks so I will be bringing more to the April meeting. Fabric used in this quilt is from my stash of dog fabrics donated by many of you over the years. We chose dogs that were not too large for the 6" finished center and a small dog themed print for the points in the flying geese. Background is white. The quilt will have sashing that needs help piecing. I will be bringing fabric and instructions in April for that as well. Blocks are due back in August/September. The approximate finished size of the quilt will be 81x96 without any border.

Please note, the pieces for the flying geese finish at 3.5x6.5" before they are sewn onto the block. You may ignore cutting instructions and fabric placement in the handout itself.



White is the background block and the 4 corner squares (3.5"). There is a 6.5" center dog fabric for the middle and the other dog print are the squares for the geese small triangles.

Guide Dogs has an open house on June 8th from 10am to 3pm. I encourage you to go to the open house and check out what they do. It is a fun day and you can see why our efforts matter. They also sent a letter requesting donations as their response is much lower this year. If you chose to support them in this way, they have published a wish list through amazon at

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/1HKTN3M9oKIM/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

Please remember to pick up your tickets as a thank you from us for the work you have done!

Patti Voyles

COMMUNITY SERVICE – VETERAN ADMINISTRATION

Laura Hawkins has helped me setup 3 different red, white, and blue block kits for our veterans. You can also use your own fabric to make a sawtooth star using the instructions for the GDA quilt. These blocks will be used to create kits for tops that will be for wheel chair through cot or bedside quilts. The cot quilts are used in the special care areas where the vets need more assistance. The "cot" is a hospital bed. Please come by and check out the options and hopefully sew some up.

I also still have some kits made over the last few years with blocks donated from our guild. There are also kits for a variety of different styles. We had 5 bed sized quilts taken to be quilted that Marcia pulled out of storage - thank you Brandy and Lou. I will have 2 more available in April. If I have the time, I will also have a few spray basted quilts available for home or smaller quilting machine setups. These are a great way to develop your quilting skills. Backing and binding is provided for each quilt. Binding can be done by the quilter or the project can be returned to us for the ladies that enjoy this finishing touch.

Please remember to pick up your tickets as a thank you from us for the work you have done!

Patti Voyles



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have a total of 89 members to date.

We have 8 new members this month please welcome Sharon Dralle, Heidi Falcioni, Maria Galan, Karen Jewette, Denise Kritof, Gina Leonard, Cici Marquez, and Donna Webster.

We will be taking cash, check and credit card. When you are renewing and have special request such as no pictures or no last name, please note it on your form. If you want to receive the newsletter by mail, you must pay \$16.00.

New forms are on the website and we will have some printed out at the meeting.

If you need to order a name tag, please see Sara Nelson at the membership table. The name tags will be handled differently. You will have to pay for the name tag separately, cash will be the best way checks are ok and made out to Sara Nelson. No credit card for this item.

Membership Chair
Sara-Anne Nelson

Happy Birthday to our April Ladies:



Apr 2 – Vivian Kimoto
Apr 11 – Margie Pinkers
Apr 22 – Darlene Stump
Apr 22 – Kathy Butler
Apr 28 – Kathleen Dolan
Apr 28 – Kristeen Dolan





TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2024 Budget has been revised to include a \$5,000 expense for the Quilt Show as voted and approved at the March General Meeting. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Treasurer's Report February 2024

Bank of America Checking

Corrected Beginning Balance as of 2/1/2024	\$	32,713.87
***March Newsletter for January "Ending Balance" did not include Debit of 47.09		

Deposits and Other Credits

9-Feb Membership & Opportunity Tickets	\$	715.00
9-Feb Workshop	\$	80.00
9-Feb Ways & Means	\$	208.00
12-Feb Membership & Opportunity Tickets (Sq)	\$	48.60
Total Deposits	\$	1,051.60

Withdrawals and Other Debits

2-Feb BofA	\$	54.94
15-Feb USPS	\$	222.00
15-Feb Quilty Pleasures (Speaker & Workshop)	\$	887.12
22-Feb Sara-Anne Nelson	\$	76.21
22-Feb Carol Carter	\$	157.66
Total Withdrawals	\$	1,397.93
Ending Balance on 2/29/2024	\$	32,367.54

Darlene Stump, Treasurer



2024 PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Jan 11	Quilty Pleasures- Quilted Jacket
Feb 8	Sherryl Zurek – Basics for Beginning Quilters
Feb 17	Quilted Jacket Workshop – Quilty Pleasures
March 14	Manny Caldera - Singer Featherweight history and machine display
March 16	Moments with Manny - How to maintain your Singer Featherweight
Apr 11	Trudy Cleveland- How to Photograph your Quilts
May 9	Jenny Lyons - Free Motion Quilting
May 11	Jenny Lyons - Workshop – How to do free motion quilting on your domestic machine
June 13	Doryce Fitzgerald - Sew Powerful Purse Project Workshop TBA
June 8	Patty Vergon Workshop – How to do free motion quilting Patty's Way
July 11	Trash to Treasure (formerly known as Block Auction)
Aug 8	Game Night
Sept 12	Lori Brothers - How to use precuts along with short cuts
Oct 10	Community Service Night
Oct 12	Workshop - Lori Brothers - Precuts 5 star lap quilt
Nov 14	Bring your first quilt or your favorite notion to share - All Members
Dec 12	Holiday Party

WEBSITE

The Home page of our website has:

- Upcoming events
- Page 1 under Photos - March Show and Share <https://scvquiltguild.org/photos-page-1>
- Block of the Month <https://scvquiltguild.org/block-of-the-month-1>

Carol Carter
 Web Mistress



HOSPITALITY

People with last name letters G-Q, please bring snacks for the April general meeting.

Our cake was so pretty last month to celebrate our 34 years, we wanted to give you another look at it. It sure was yummy! Hope you enjoyed it.

Your Hospitality Team
Dolores & Kendra



MINI-GROUPS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Meeting Information</i>
Monday Mavens	Doryce Fitzgerald	In-person sessions – Space limited please RSVP: Meets 3rd Monday at Doryce's - Must RSVP to Doryce
Stitch n' Chat	Carol Carter	Meets 3 rd Thursday of each month at Darlene's house. Space limited, must RSVP to Carol. 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	Summer Heat Hours: Meets every other Friday, 11:00 – 1:00pm, at Central Park near the restrooms closest to the dog park. All are welcome.
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.

If you want to attend a meeting, we recommend calling the contact to be sure that nothing has changed since this listing.



WAYS AND MEANS

Ways and Means is happy to congratulate the following people who won in March.

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|---------------------------|---|
| #1 Go! Baby Fabric Cutter | No winner in March - Winner will be chosen in April |
| #2 Feeling Groovy | Penny |
| #3 It's The Real Thing | Frances |
| #4 Purple Haze | Nancy G. |
| #5 Enjoy the Outdoors | Cindy C. |

At the April Meeting, we will be featuring the Go! Baby Fabric Cutter with 4 Basic dies, one last time. This fabric cutter makes cutting multiple layers of fabric easier and more accurate. It is made to reduce hand and arm strain. It has a \$500 value. We have more dies for the fabric cutter that we will be raffling in the future.

In addition, we will have 4 more fabric packages available for you to win. Look for packages featuring wine & food fabric, embroidery, and lots of dots in a Project Box.



Come by our table to support the SCVQG.
Laura & Barbara



2024 OPPORTUNITY QUILT – GARDEN PARTY

Just to let everyone know that the opportunity quilt tickets will be available at the April meeting. Please see me to pick up your tickets.

Mary Moonitz
Quilt Mom





BLOCK OF THE MONTH

In March we started a new community service quilt made with Fancy Pants Four-Patch blocks. **This is not your typical four-patch construction**, so please see the step-by-step instructions below. Please pick up a kit at the Block of the Month table.

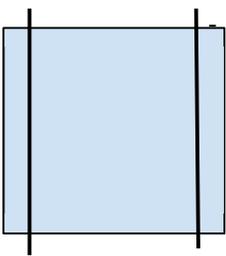
If you still have kits to make the 6.5-inch nine patches for our baby quilts, please sew them up and **turn them in during the April meeting** so we can assemble these baby quilts. We appreciate the sewing you do for our community service projects!

Finally, we are excited to provide another set of instructions for the Mystery Quilt. Please note that the Mystery Quilt steps #7 and #8 are after the instructions for the Fancy Pants Four-Patch block.

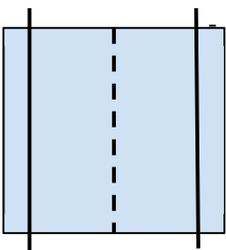
FANCY PATCH FOUR-PATCH BLOCK INSTRUCTIONS

Please pick up a kit at the Block of the Month table during the April meeting.

- 1) Take two squares of fabric from the kit and put them right sides together. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " down the right side, and a $\frac{1}{4}$ " down the left side.

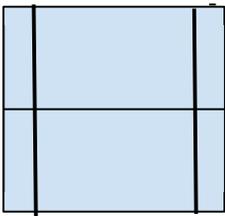


- 2) Cut down the middle. Measure twice, and cut once.

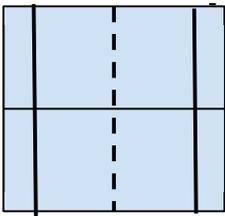




- 3) Open your two-patch blocks, and iron towards the darker fabric.
- 4) Place the two-patch blocks right sides together, making sure the opposite fabrics are facing each other. You do want the dark fabric touching the lighter fabric. Be sure the seams are butted closely together.
- 5) Put your seam horizontally, and sew down the right side and left side of the aligned blocks.



- 6) Cut down the middle.



You have made 2 four-patch blocks. Press the seam in either direction.



MYSTERY QUILT INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for creating this quilt will be provided at the monthly guild meetings and in the newsletters from January through May. In June we will have a special "Show and Share" so everyone can see how these mysterious quilt tops turned out.

Step 7: Combining results of Steps 5 & 6 to create Block #1

Make 21 square blocks with one **D-G-D** pieced between two **A-D-A** pieces.



Press toward the center bars. It should measure 8" square. Block 1 is complete!

Step 8: Joining background squares to accent pairs.

Take 21 B patches and insert between 42 accent pairs from Step 4 (patches F & G made into pairs). The fabrics should be lined up as fabrics **4-5-1-5-4**. Press toward the background.

As a reminder:

Fabric 1 = Background

Fabric 4 = Medium Light Accent

Fabric 5 = Medium Dark Accent

WE ARE NEAR THE END!! The final steps and putting it all together are the remaining instructions and will be provided in May!

Julie Cook & Claire Reeves
BOM Chairman



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Things to Remember:

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

This Month's Meeting Calendar:

- ❖ **General Meeting: Thursday, April 11th**
Social Hour: 6:30-6:50pm
Meeting starts at 6:50pm
at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church
26440 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Saugus, CA
- ❖ **Business Meeting: Thursday, April 18th**
Meeting starts at 6:30pm
Marcia Dain's Residence



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