



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY QUILT GUILD

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

In last month's newsletter we learned a bit about Civil War quilts...

In the decades following the Civil War, quilting expanded and democratized. Formerly enslaved southerners – almost one third of the population, were now free and could use and pass down the quilts they made within their own families. The quilts begin to survive. The fabric industry blossomed in both the North and the South, with locally produced fabric more widely available and affordable than ever before. With the invention of synthetic aniline dyes, new colors debuted, and cheaper fabric printing technologies allowed consumers access to a wider variety of choices. As more families were able to buy fabric and thus had more leftover bits and remnants, they started to piece quilts. The scrap quilt was born.

Though utilitarian quilting became much more prevalent in the years following the Civil War, fancywork did not die out. Red-and-green repeating-pattern appliqué continued to be popular, yet the scale of the patterns changed over time. Reverse appliqué appears for the first time circa 1880-1900. Colors like cheddar, teal and claret become popular.

A major fancywork trend emerged nationally in the final decades of the nineteenth century: crazy quilting. A renewed interest in the needlecraft traditions of early settlers, which emerged during the 1876 national centennial, and a Victorian fascination with orientalism together resulted in a new, purely decorative type of quilting. Crazy quilts featured irregularly shaped bits of fabric—often expensive silks and velvets—stitched together asymmetrically. Frequently makers embellished the seams with fancy herringbone and feather stitches and embroidered or painted decorative motifs like birds, flowers, insects, pagodas, and fans onto their quilt tops. Women who could afford to do so eagerly adopted the style.

I hope you continue to find these little historical blurbs enjoyable...next month, we'll turn the corner on the 20th century!

Keep Quilting!

Sue Bennorth

PROGRAMS

Our April general meeting will again be on Zoom. Send photos of your recent projects to Patti Voyles or Marcia Dains to be included in the Show and Share. As part of the programs update at the April 8 meeting, I plan to do a short presentation about the Sew Powerful program in Zambia and talk about a free all day workshop/retreat scheduled for May.

In addition, since our March meeting was such a success sewing together and learning a new way to make flying geese and trim them to perfection, we will be doing another sew-along at our April meeting, so bring your laptop, tablet, or phone to your sewing machine.

Melissa Nilsen will share how to make half square triangles, and we'll all sew together to make a Bordered Monkey Wrench block, the April block of the Month. Be sure to swing by Carol Carter's house to pick up a BOTM kit to have the supplies needed for the project. If you need a kit delivered to you, send an email to Melissa Nilsen.

In May, we're hoping to have a drive-through meeting, but are still working on a location. The FREE Sew Powerful virtual retreat will be on May 15th.

The June meeting will be on Zoom, with Sue Bennorth giving an introduction to Stack n Whack quilts and giving advice on how to choose fabric. She'll be leading a Stack n Whack workshop on Zoom on Saturday, June 19th. Also, we'll have our fabric sale at Joyce Wilkson's house on Saturday, June 12th.

Vicki Reti

APRIL MEETING - SHOW AND SHARE – SEND YOUR PHOTOS!

Looking forward to this month's contributions from everyone. Please send them to Patti Voyles or Marcia Dains by **Sunday, April 4th** using email or text. Remember to include information about the project. If it is for special guild or mini-group events, let us know so we can group them!

Patti Voyles

FLYING GESE CHALLENGE

Hey, quilters, so now you're all experts at 4-at-a-time flying geese, thanks to BOTM ladies Linda and Melissa! Hope you all got to see the March meeting tutorial or at least were able to do one or two of their 4 Patch Diamond BOTM blocks. If not, the March 2021 pattern is on the website: <https://scvquiltguild.org/block-of-the-month>

Well, let's put that skill to use by joining in on a Flying Geese challenge! You can make yourself a table topper, wall hanging, or even something to donate to community service (like

a shawl, 30" x 65"). Come to the April meeting to see a brief slideshow for ideas and more information (and on the Guild website afterwards). The projects are planned to be displayed the following month at our drive-through meeting. Voting and prizes will also happen ...gonna be fun!

Gabrielle Leko

SEW POWERFUL PURSE PROJECT

Last year, we had excellent guild support for making masks for the Navajo Nation. This year, we would like our guild to participate in the Sew Powerful Purse Project.

Sew Powerful's mission is to combat extreme poverty in the Ngombe Compound in Lusaka, Zambia by providing re-usable feminine hygiene supplies for the girls to be able to attend school all month.

We will be making colorful purses to hold their supplies. We will have a **FREE** zoom workshop/retreat on May 15th, so mark your calendars. (This will be a fun day with snacks, bingo, and prizes. Doryce Fitzgerald will be our teacher.) IF YOU DO NOT zoom, you can still participate because all the "how to" information and pattern is available on the Sew Powerful website <https://sewpowerful.org>. All fabric and additional items required to make the purse will be included for participants. Kits will be available at Kris Dolan's house.

If you choose to use your own materials, please note that the yardage in the pattern is excessive because they suggest making straps from the cotton fabric. We plan to use webbing for the straps instead. All you need for the purse is 1/2 yard for the outer and 1/3 yard for the inner, plus 1/2 yard of medium weight interfacing (recommended Pellon 101 or comparable woven interfacing).

This is a great project for the hot summer months. There will be more information in May's newsletter and emails.

Penny Lawrence, Kris Dolan, Doryce Fitzgerald

QUILTERS BY THE SEA – QUILT TOUR

Quilters by the Sea guild is holding a drive-by quilt tour in Long Beach, Lakewood, and Cerritos, CA on Saturday April 24, 2021. Send a \$10 donation to get the address list and program. See the flier at the end of the newsletter for more details.

FABRIC AND NOTIONS BLOWOUT SALE – JANUARY 16TH

We will be holding our fabric and notions sale on **Saturday, June 12th, from 10am - 3pm**

It will be held outdoors, in Joyce Wilkinson's driveway in Newhall.

Wear your mask and bring cash or credit cards (checks accepted from guild members only). Fabric will be priced at \$3 per yard or less! Tell your friends!

We will still hold the event even if it rains. If you can loan an EZ-UP for the event or would like to help out during the event, please contact Melissa Nilsen.

See you there!

Melissa Nilsen & Dana Montague

IFFI CHALLENGE

It is official, we have 13 great quilters who are going to finish up those projects this year. Two lucky quilters will share the \$130 pot! Do not forget to send me your finished project pictures...text or email. I will then put your name in the pot for our December meeting drawing.

Happy Quilting!

Joyce Wilkinson

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Welcome to Spring, fellow quilters! Those of us who have been meeting in Central Park every other Friday with the Quilters in the Park group have enjoyed Show and Share, and we have received lovely quilts for The Painted Turtle Camp as well as Veteran quilts. Making these quilts is a wonderful way to practice free motion quilting as well as ruler techniques.

At Quilters in the Park, we are able pick up BOTM kits, bring your lunch or snack and enjoy visiting with fellow quilters. The weather has been quite nice. Watch for the upcoming Flying Geese challenge that can serve as a donation to the Senior Center. Also watch for the upcoming Saturday retreat involving sewing purses for donation to girls in Africa via Quilty Pleasures in Simi Valley to support the sewpowerful.org organization. Thank you all for your participation.

Dana Montague

COMMUNITY SERVICE – PREGNANCY CENTER

Hi everyone, hope you are all doing well. This month, I was able to take 11 bundles over to the center along with some hats and baby outfits. As always, they were so happy to receive these cute little joyful items. We have now delivered 75 bundles to the Pregnancy center. I want to give a special shout out of thanks to: Judy, Michelle, Carol, Jean, Gabrielle, Linda K., Kris, and Lorraine for all their donations and hard work. Remember I have lots of kits for your sewing pleasure that can be picked up on my porch just give me a call and I'll have it out there for you. I'll also be placing some kits on Carol's porch.

Thank you for all your help!

Debbie Ackerman

COMMUNITY SERVICE – SENIOR CENTER

I have flip and sew placemats in the container by my front door for pick up. If you have any orphan blocks of your own that you would like to make a placemat out of, I would appreciate it. Measurements for placemats are 13" X 18".

If you don't want to bind it, I have members who like to bind.

Thank you,

Carol Carter

COMMUNITY SERVICE – VETERAN'S PROJECTS

We have 10 bed quilts, 14 small to large lap quilts, 15 wheelchair quilts, and 45 clothing protectors that will be delivered to the Cal Vet apartment and care facility the first week in April. The contribution met with joy at the wonderful work and care that has been put into them. Contributions are documented in this month's show and share.

Patti Voyles

COMMUNITY SERVICE – GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA

The Guide Dog Quilt will be finished and delivered to the GDA by our own Karen Warloe along with the auction quilt made from left over blocks from the 2019 quilt. Thanks again to all the members who contributed blocks, assisted in the assembly and to Sue Handley for quilting and binding it.

Patti Voyles

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

At the board meeting in March, it was decided that we would do another BOTM tutorial for the April meeting! Melissa did a great job presenting the March block and those who participated enjoyed it as well as learning the “4-at-a-time flying geese” technique and several other quilting tips.

I have made a new block for April called “Bordered Monkey Wrench Block” which you can find on our website as well as at the end of this newsletter. Melissa will be presenting it at the April 8th zoom guild meeting and we hope to see many of you there and sewing along with us.

I invite you to make this block along with a second Star block, which is actually just a “revised” form of the March block where you again make the 4 flying geese blocks but arrange them into star points and only use 2 fabrics. I have noted the directions and cutting at the end of this April pattern sheet and provided you with diagrams. Additionally, I will have new fabric kits available as usual at Carol Carter’s house which will each contain the cut fabrics for the new block and the star block also. We hope you will pick some up and join us to sew together the kits or your own fabrics so we can make more quilts for the veterans.

Additionally, I have put together several quilt top kits that need to be sewn together into quilts. If you are able to help sew one, we would be happy to bring it to you if you would just call or text, or pick one up at Carol’s.

Call if you have any questions. Our phone numbers are in the directory. THANKS so much for your sewing support! 😊

Linda von Mohr & Melissa Nilsen

SCVQG 30TH ANNIVERSARY PINS

In honor of our 30th anniversary last year, our Guild had commemorative pins made, and they are beautiful. If you'd like to purchase one (or two or three), please call or email Gabrielle with your reservation. They are \$6 each, cash or check. Purchase 3 or more, and I'll deliver! (My numbers are in the directory.)

By the way, I also have the whimsical pins (Where Quilts and Friendship Grow) from last year’s cancelled quilt show; they are \$3 each. Such nice collector items! Call me.



Gabrielle Leko

MEMBERSHIP

The 2021 Membership Directory has been mailed out. Thanks so much to Melissa Nilsen for creating the directory and to Kathy Foster who donated the postage to send those out! Included in the envelope is your membership card, a postcard of the 2021 opportunity quilt, and your opportunity tickets if you haven't already picked them up. Be sure to return your ticket stubs to Carol Carter's porch.

We had 2 quilters renew during the month of February, bringing our current 2021 membership to 74.

Happy April birthdays to:

- Apr 9 - Geneva Axline
- Apr 22 - Darlene Stump
- Apr 22 - Kathy Butler
- Apr 28 - Kathleen Dolan
- Apr 28 - Kristeen Dolan
- Apr 30 - Debbie Williams



We hope you're all staying healthy and quilting often!

Leslie Wright & Kris Dolan

TREASURER'S REPORT

Here is the Treasurer's Report for February 2020:

Bank of America Checking		
	Beginning Balance as of 1-31-21	\$26,320.59
Deposits and Other Credits		
4-Feb	Deposit-Membership	\$50.00
4-Feb	Deposit-Donation	\$30.00
4-Feb	Deposit-Workshop	\$40.00
4-Feb	Deposit-Boutique	\$100.00
4-Feb	Deposit-Newsletter postage	\$10.00
4-Feb	Deposit-IFF	\$80.00
4-Feb	Bank Adjustment	\$0.10
12-Feb	Deposit-Membership	\$620.00
12-Feb	Deposit-Opportunity Tickets-Other	\$30.00
12-Feb	Deposit-Workshops	\$120.00
12-Feb	Deposit-Fabric Sale	\$357.00
12-Feb	Deposit-Spray Baste	\$14.70
23-Feb	Deposit-Membership & Donation	\$150.00
23-Feb	Deposit-IFFI	\$30.00
23-Feb	Deposit-Opportunity Tickets-Other	\$35.00
	Total Deposits	\$1,666.80
Withdrawals & Other Debits		
12-Feb	USPS Box 802863	\$162.00
15-Feb	Kendra Geiger	\$55.00
21-Feb	Golden State Storage A123	\$2,184.00
	Total Withdrawals	\$2,401.00
	Ending Balance 2-28-21	\$25,586.39

Penny Lawrence

HOSPITALITY

Will be back as soon as we are allowed!

Dolores, Kendra, and Julie

VINTAGE SEWING MACHINES

Looking for other Guild members who are interested in vintage sewing machines. Please contact me! My contact info is in the directory.

Linda Townsley

WAYS AND MEANS

Dear Sewing Sisters,

The Ways & Means Committee cannot wait until we are back in the swing of our monthly meetings.

We are looking for Theme of the month fabric. We would like some leftover fabric from your projects. Fat quarters or larger would be greatly appreciated.

We have baskets made up and ready for display. Watch for the date, time and meeting place in your newsletter.

Linda, Rita, and Millie

WEBSITE

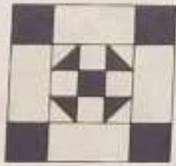
If you missed any of our Show and Share presentations from our guild meetings. Look under photos page 1 to view these.

Carol Carter

2021 PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Jan 14	Zoom Meeting with Show N Share!
Feb 11	Speaker: Tina Curran - "My Virtual Trunk Show" via Zoom
Feb 13	Workshop via Zoom: "At the Beach" with Tina Curran
March 11	Zoom Meeting with Sew-along & Block of the Month tutorial
April 8	Zoom Meeting with Sew-along & Block of the Month tutorial Introduce Flying Geese challenge
May 13	Drive Through meeting
May 15	Free Workshop: Sew Powerful purses, led by Doryce Fitzgerald
June 10	Speaker: Sue Bennorth – "Stack n Whack fabric selection"
June 12	Fabric Sale at Joyce Wilkinson's
June 19	Workshop: "Stack n Whack" with Sue Bennorth
July 8	TBD
Aug 12	TBD
Sept 9	Speaker: Elizabeth Eastmond
Sept 11	Workshop: TBD with Elizabeth Eastmond
Oct 14	TBD
Nov 11	Speaker: Mel Beach - "Challenge Yourself"
Nov 13	Workshop: "Free Styling-Spiraling" with Mel Beach
Dec 9	TBD

APRIL BLOCK OF THE MONTH – BORDERED MONKEY WRENCH



Bordered Monkey Wrench - April 2021 Block of the Month

Block size – 12" finished. Your block should be 12.5" unfinished.

Blocks will be used to make quilts for our veterans!

For each block you will need:

Fabric/Color	Cut Size	Quantity
Blue or Red (corner squares)	3.5" x 3.5"	4
Blue or Red (center square)	2.5" x 2.5"	1
Blue or Red (for HSTs)	3" x 3"	2
Background: cream or white (rectangles)	3.5" x 6.5"	4
" (squares)	2.5" x 2.5"	4
" (for HSTs)	3" x 3"	2

Create the Monkey Wrench center block:

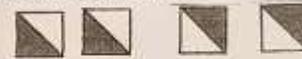
Step 1: Draw a line from corner to corner on the backs of the background 3"x3" squares.



STEP 2: With right sides together, layer these squares onto the 3" colored squares and sew a 1/4" seam on both sides of the drawn line. You are making Half Square Triangles (HSTs).

STEP 3: Cut on the drawn line and press each HST to the dark side.

TRIM squares to measure 2.5"x 2.5". Make 4.



STEP 4: Referring to the diagram, layout and stitch 3 rows using the 4 background 2.5" squares, the 4 HSTs you just made, and the colored center 2.5" square. Press seams to the dark fabrics.

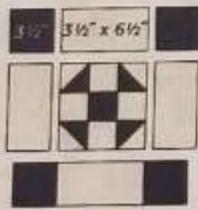


STEP 5: Now stitch the 3 rows together to complete the Monkey Wrench block.



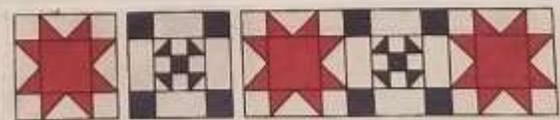
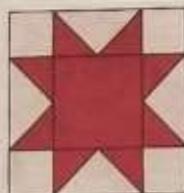
To complete the "border" for the final block:

STEP 6: Follow the next diagram to sew the top, middle and bottom rows using the 3.5" x 6.5" rectangles and the 3.5" colored corner squares. Press to the dark fabrics so that the 3 rows will nest together, then stitch the 3 rows together. Measure the block to 12.5" x 12.5" as the unfinished size.



This block will make a great quilt if we revise the March Four Patch Diamond into a Star block and alternate it with this Bordered Monkey Wrench!

To make the Star, use cream or white background fabric for 4 – 3.5"x3.5" corners and 1 – 7.75"x7.75" piece and cut the colored star fabric into 1 – 6.5"x6.5" center and 4 -4.25"x4.25" squares as star points. Make the "4-at-a-time Flying Geese" as before but place turn the points out to make the star when sewing together!



Bordered Monkey Wrench



Sawtooth Star



Thank you for helping! These blocks will be used to make bed (60" x 80") or lap (40" x 48") quilts for CAL Vets.

2021 QUILT TOUR



Quilters by the Sea 2021 Quilt Tour

A drive by tour with more than 50 quilts on display
Long Beach, Lakewood and Cerritos, California

10am-3pm Saturday April 24, 2021

\$10 donation for address list and program
Quilt Tour drawing for participants
Opportunity Baskets Quilts for sale



Masks are required Social distancing strictly enforced

Send donation to: Quilters by the Sea
P.O. Box 92814
Long Beach, CA 90809

INCLUDE Name, Phone and EMAIL ADDRESS!

Address list, program, tour card and participant activity
information will be emailed the 2nd week of April.



Quilters by the Sea is a 501c(3) non-profit organized to provide quilting education and philanthropy.
Questions? Email quiltersbythesea@gmail.com; Subject: Quilt Tour

2021 OPPORTUNITY QUILT: "STARRY SEAS" - 88" X 88"



Do you know someone who would like to win this quilt? We now have opportunity quilt postcards you can mail to friends or family inviting them to purchase tickets. Contact Melissa Nilsen to arrange drop-off or pick-up of postcards.

MINI-GROUPS

Name	Contact	Meeting Information
Super Star Quilters ***	Patti Voyles	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 (currently not meeting)
Monday Mavens ***	Kris Dolan	Meets first and third Mondays (meeting via Zoom)
Quilters in the Park ***	Kendra Geiger	Meets every other Friday, 11:15am – 1pm, at Central Park near the restrooms closest to the dog park. Are all welcome.

*** 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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Start with Rotary and good things happen.


Things to Remember:

- ❖ *Next meeting: April 8, 2021, 6:30 PM*
- ❖ *Via Zoom – get the app at
zoom.us/download*

This Month's Calendar:

- Zoom General Meeting
Thurs, April 8, 2021, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM*
- Zoom Business Meeting
Thurs, April 15, 2021, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM*



Check out our website:
www.scvquiltguild.org
WOW! See the newsletter online!

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