

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

First, let me say that I miss you all very much and hope we can see each other at the general meeting at the church in August! Now, to wrap up our tour through quiltmaking history:

The 1960's showed a gradual increase in women wanting to learn to quilt and by the 1970's a few quilt guilds had formed (our guild formed in 1990). Popular women's magazines began to include more articles about quilt projects. Interest in quilting was on the rise.

Quilters used the fabric at hand which was often double knit. Double knits went out of vogue for clothing during the 1970's but they were used to make quilts for a while after. This stretchy fabric was difficult to piece so simple patterns were often used. Some women took the challenge and created intricate traditional quilts using this modern fabric. But women wanted to try different styles, like making a double-knit crazy quilt pillow.

Of course, not everyone was content to quilt with double knits. Quilters wanted to make quilts like those made in the past and they knew cotton fabric was ideal for this. The problem was that the only cotton commonly available was in a blend with polyester (I made my first quilt in 1976 using these blended fabrics – including an eyelet fabric – that I tied with yarn!). Serious quilters searched high and low to find what they called 'real cotton'. Some 100% cotton fabric could be found, but not easily. Meanwhile quilters put pressure on the fabric industry to produce more all cotton fabric.

The wonderful quilter's tools we enjoy today like cutting mats and rotary cutters weren't generally available until the 1980's. Quilt pattern templates were made with cardboard or sandpaper instead of plastic and the fabric pieces had to be cut out with scissors. Some quilters pieced by machine, but others preferred hand piecing. Applique and quilting were usually done by hand. Quiltmaking methods were still much like those of the past.

But all that would soon change. New tools and methods as well as plentiful quilting fabric would make a huge difference. Quilters during the 6o's and 7o's would have been amazed to see the changes in quilting today!

If you'd like to explore more on quiltmaking history, follow these links:

https://www.ablockaway.com/long-history-of-quilting-explored.htm

https://www.quilting-in-america.com/History-of-Quilts.html

https://www.favequilts.com/Miscellaneous-Quilt-Projects/A-Brief-History-of-Quilting-in-America

Keep Quilting!

Sue Bennorth

PROGRAMS

This month's program will be a game night hosted by Jean Carter. Our game night will be in person at our normal location at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church. We're reverting back to the normal meeting time: 6:30pm for social time and 7pm to start the meeting.

I don't know what fun surprises Jean has for us but I am anxious to see all of you in person. Our Hospitality team has yummy ice cream for our enjoyment so we ask you to please RSVP to Melissa Nilsen so we don't over purchase refreshments.

In September, Elizabeth Eastmond will be presenting "Inching my way to Modern" via Zoom. We are hoping to meet in the church and have her presentation on the big screen there, if we can work out all the technical details. If not, we'll have a Zoom meeting from our own homes.

Stay cool...

Linda Townsley

SHOW AND SHARE

With an in-person meeting, I won't be doing a slide show, but if you want to send a picture and description, I will put it together for the website. All of the slide shows since December 2020 are on the website under photos - this includes the donations to the VA that I took down in late April. Please take a look and if you made any of the quilts I would like to adjust the show to give you credit. Every quilt, protector or crochet/knit is precious.

Thank you all, Patti

Patti Voyles

IFFI CHALLENGE

Remember 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

The Painted Turtle Camp is opening up with a limited schedule. We delivered the following items donated to them in July:

108 Pillowcases

91 quilts

12 Aprons

24 kids face coverings.

Thank you to all who worked on these projects, they are truly appreciated!

Dana Montague

COMMUNITY SERVICE - SENIOR CENTER

If you want any kits to make place mats or to do binding on place mats please call me. Or... turn those orphan blocks from your own projects into a placemat! Placemat measurements are 13" X 18" (close counts – there are no placemat police).

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 had a request for sewing help for the vets. I know they are in West Los Angeles, but if you know of anyone in that area, they would appreciate mending assistance. I am including the email here:

Happy Wednesday!

Patti, are you aware of a group that could do the mending for our Veterans? The Veterans often need a button replaced, pants taken in, hem pants and sometimes a zipper replacement. Please advise.

Thank you for your continue support and years of volunteering for the Veterans Home of California West Los Angeles.

Best regards,

Pamela White - Coordinator of Volunteer Services, pamela.white@calvet.ca.gov

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Thanks much to those who picked up kits to put together quilt tops from our March block of the Month. I can't wait to see how they turn out! I have a few more quilt top kits, call or meet me at the Quilters in the Park to pick one up.

For August, we'll continue making the "Star Crossed", 2 block set. There are still kits at Carol's and at Quilters in the Park. A copy of the pattern and a picture is at the end of this newsletter and on our website: https://scvquiltguild.org/block-of-the-month. One of the blocks builds on the 4-at-a-time flying geese we learned in March, so if you need a refresher, open up the March instructions on the Block of the Month page on the website. Have fun learning these new blocks!

We need a new BOTM committee chairperson for next year. If you're interested in this job, please contact Linda von Mohr for more information.

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

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Patti Voyles, Gabrielle Leko and Marcia Dains have agreed to review the bylaws for changes. Schedule is to have changes made before the August business meeting and published in the September newsletter (if any were made). Voting would be at the September meeting. Discussion will be allowed at that meeting before the vote. If anyone wants to participate or has concerns they feel need to be addressed, please email one of us before August 1st.

Patti Voyles

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF QUILT GUILDS - QUARTERLY MTG JULY 10TH

Notes from Business Meeting

- 1) Question on contract with insurance application it is only required if the venue you use wants to have an additionally insured clause added to the insurance for the event. The contract would contain the necessary phrasing for this clause.
- 2) To announce your events (add to calendar) sent information to info@sccqg.org
- 3) The international IQS show will be in Long Beach in August of 2022
- 4) Voting for the VP Membership, Insurance, Treasurer and Parliamentarian will be held at the October meeting. Current officers agreed to continue but nominations are accepted.

- 5) Officer changes need to be made through the website which emails the contact person. Verify your location and times for meetings.
- 6) Treasurer report is in newsletter. Council is in the black.
- 7) They were handling automated renewals. Apparently there was a form to handle this. Because of the change in our meeting location, we have submitted a request for proof of insurance to the council which also is part of our renewal for the coming year.
- 8) April 9, 2022 Meet the Teachers will be a virtual meeting. It can include teachers from greater distances.
- 9) Program VP is retiring. She will be replaced by Pam Overton. October program is on contracts. Virtual or in-person not determined.
- 10) Road to California Wed through Sat. with preview on Tuesday. Classes run 9-5. They have quilts, vendors and the hotel is booked for a block of rooms, 50% of them are already booked. Dates are different. Check the website. They didn't cancel teachers or events from last year your requests are still in effect. Some special events may be handled differently. Bus tour must be reserved online for this year. Your placement will be based on entry dates. Volunteers are still names from last year but assignments will be given out when you get to the show. Special quits in the atrium, contact info@roadtocalifornia.com (check actual email on website). On Jan 13-15 before Road opens there is a Road to Sewing event dealing with sewing decor, clothes, etc. It will have a runway show.

My notes aren't clear? I am told they will be in the newsletter available from the council website (sccqq.org).

The meeting was interesting. I was on audio only and the meeting leader didn't give us the ability to participate, although we could hear everything. The topic was "care and feeding" of your volunteers. We were given 3 questions - one at a time and tossed into random break-out groups under zoom. If you had video, you could see the others. The meeting host asked us if we considered things like is it the best guild for you? How do you begin to include new people? How do you train them to be part of the team? Look at what works, understand why and preserve and promote it. Take a look at new skills that might be required. Help people get involved in team oriented activities. Think of all your activities and find ones that fit the members. We are losing people due to age, moving away. Find things that work for us as members.

The three questions were:

What motivates you personally to volunteer, do you include new members?

How does your guild mentor new members?

What process do you use to match people skills with the jobs that are available? (matching skills with the job helps keep people challenged and happier)

If you have input on the above questions, let me know. The council newsletter editor asked for our input if available to include their issue about this meeting.

Patti Voyles

SCVQG 30TH ANNIVERSARY PINS

For purchase of Guild anniversary pins (\$6) or souvenir show buttons (\$3), please contact Gabrielle (see directory).



Gabrielle Leko

MEMBERSHIP

We had 1 new quilter join us during the month of July - warmest welcome to Joann Lombardi. Also welcome to our new business member All Things Quilting. This brings our current 2021 membership to 80.

Happy Aug birthdays to:

2: Eugenia Goodman

13: Patty Vergon

14: Jackie Amundsen

15: Linda Townsley

24: Michelle Tavares





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

Leslie Wright & Kris Dolan

TREASURER'S REPORT

Here is the Treasurer's Report for June 2020:

Bank	of	America	Checking
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Beginning Balance as of 6-1-21	\$26,108.34
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Deposits and Other Credits

12-Jun	Deposit-Fabric Sale	\$473.00
14-Jun	Deposit-Fabric Sale	\$511.25
14-Jun	Deposit-Fabric Sale	\$470.18
14-Jun	Deposit-Petty Cash	\$300.00
14-Jun	Deposit-Ways & Means	\$100.00
14-Jun	Deposit-Opportunity Tickets	\$150.00
18-Jun	Deposit-Membership	\$50.00
23-Jun	Deposit-Opportunity Tickets & Donation	\$35.00
25-Jun	Deposit-Fabric Sale	\$50.00

Total Deposits \$2,139.43

Withdrawals & Other Debits

2-Jun	Golden State Storage #K037	\$1,872.00
10-Jun	Penny K-Lawrence-Petty Cash	\$300.00
23-Jun	Sue Bennorth	\$155.95
23-Jun	Kim Lapacek	\$300.00

Total Withdrawals \$2,627.95

Ending Balance as of 6-30-21 \$25,619.82

Penny Lawrence

HOSPITALITY

Join us for a refreshing treat at our August meeting in the church! Dolores, Kendra, and Julie

WAYS AND MEANS

Hello ladies, Looking forward to seeing everyone in person this August. We will have the following opportunity fabric packets for you all to take a chance on. This time we've coordinated the pattern and or panels with fabric to work with. Would love for you to share with us all any finished projects from the win.

- 1- Harvest Gatherings
- 2- Jars A Plenty
- 3- Scarecrow Delight
- 4- Christmas O Holy Night
- 5- Fabulous Flamingos

Hope to see you all

Rita, Linda, 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. I've also added the slide show for our donations to Cal Vets on that page.

Carol Carter

2021 PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Jan 14	Zoom Meeting with Show N Share!	
Feb 11 Feb 13	Speaker: Tina Curran - "My Virtual Trunk Show" via Zoom 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 May 15	Drive Through meeting at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church Free Workshop: Sew Powerful purses, led by Doryce Fitzgerald	
June 10 June 12 June 19	Speaker: Sue Bennorth – "Stack n Whack fabric selection" via Zoom Fabric Sale at Joyce Wilkinson's Free Zoom Workshop: "Stack n Whack" with Sue Bennorth	
July 8	Speaker: Kim Lapacek – "Wildly Careening into Quilting" via Zoom	
Aug 12	Game Night	
Sept 9 Sept 11	Speaker: Elizabeth Eastmond - "Inching my way to Modern" Workshop: TBD with Elizabeth Eastmond	
Oct 14	TBD	
Nov 11 Nov 13	Speaker: Mel Beach - "Challenge Yourself" Workshop: "Free Styling-Spiraling" with Mel Beach	
Dec 9	TBD	

JULY & AUGUST BLOCK OF THE MONTH - STAR CROSSED

This is a 2 block combination to create a chain quilt of alternating stars and diamonds.

Star Crossed blocks



Star Block

Your block should be 10.5" UNFINISHED. Finished Size (once sewn into the quilt) is 10".

For each block, you will need:

Fabric/Color	<u>Cut Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Cream / Light fabric (solid or small print)		
 For Flying Geese background 	6.75" x 6.75"	1
- For corner squares	1.5" x 3"	4
- For corner squares	1.5" X 2"	4
Center Square*	5.5" × 5.5"	1
Corner Squares*	2" X 2"	4
Flying Geese legs*	3.75" × 3.75"	4

* Use 3 different coordinating fabrics. For example, the Cal Vet quilt kits use Burgundy, Brown, & Gold.





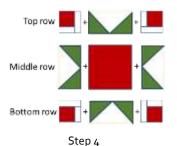
Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



SEW ALL SEAMS AT 1/4"

Step 1:

Use the 6.75" Cream square and the four 3.75" squares to make one set of 4-at-a-time Flying Geese (to get 4 geese) and trim each goose to 3" x 5.5". Refer to the March 2021 "Four Patch Diamonds" block of the month pattern, or watch the video on the SCVQG website for instructions on this technique.

Step 2:

Sew a 1.5" x 2" Cream rectangle to the left side of the 2" Corner square. Press towards the square. Make 4.

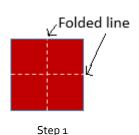
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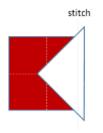
Sew a 1.5" x 3" Cream rectangle to the bottom of the Step 2 unit. Press towards the Step 2 unit. Repeat with the three remaining Step 2 units. Set aside.

<u>Step 4:</u>

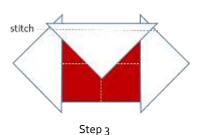
Sew the patches together as shown. The *legs* of the flying geese need to point <u>away</u> from the center square to form the star. When sewing the top and bottom rows, press towards the corner units. When sewing the middle row, press towards the center square. Then sew the 3 rows together, and press both seams towards the center square. The completed block should be 10.5" square.

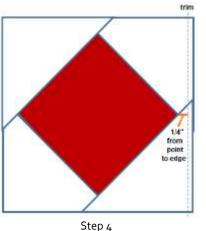






Step 2





Diamond Block

Your block should be 10.5" UNFINISHED. Finished Size (once sewn into the quilt) is 10". For each block, you will need:

Fabric/Color	<u>Cut Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Cream (solid or small print) Then sub-cut on the diagonal to make 4 triangles	6.25" x 6.25"	2
Center Diamond * * coordinate color with Star Block fabrics	7.5" × 7.5"	1

SEW ALL SEAMS AT 1/4"

Step 1:

Fold the Center Diamond in half then open it and repeat on the other side. This is to create folded lines that intersect in the center of the square.

Step 2:

Place a Cream Triangle right-sides together on one side of the Center Diamond. Place the point of the triangle on the folded line to center the triangle along the edge of the square. Note that there will be about 3/4" of the triangle piece overhanging both the top and bottom of the square. Sew 1/4" from the edge. Repeat on the opposite side of the Center Diamond, then press both seams towards the Center Diamond.

<u>Step 3:</u>

Sew the remaining two Cream Triangles to the other 2 sides of the Center Diamond. Again, lay the point of the triangle on the folded line to center it. Press both seams towards the Center Diamond.

Step 4:

Check the size of the finished block, and trim to 10.5". Note there should be at least 1/4" from the diamond point to the edge. This prevents the diamond tips from being cut off when the blocks are joined together. If your block is just a little too small, try spraying it with heavy starch and then stretch it to 10.5" and press it.

Thank you for helping! These blocks will be used to make lap (40" x 50") quilts for CAL Vets.

Star Block

Diamond Block





If you sew the blocks together with no sashing, you get a light colored border effect around each diamond. Here's a mockup of how it would look when lots of blocks are sewn together.



Note: my mockup uses a multitude of reds, greens, and golds for a scrappy Christmas look. If you're making one for yourself, this would also look good as a 2 color or 3 color quilt.

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 Doryce Fitzgerald to arrange drop-off or pick-up of postcards.

MINI-GROUPS

Name	Contact	Meeting Information
Cut-Up Mini Group (full for now)	Joyce Wilkinson	Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month
Monday Mavens ***	Kris Dolan	Meets every, first and third Monday at Kris's house – must RSVP and every second and fourth Monday on Zoom – everyone welcome. Contact Kris for the Zoom link.
Stitch n Chat ***	Melissa Nilsen	Meets fourth Thursday of each month at Melissa's house. Space limited, must RSVP.
Quilters in the Park ***	Kendra Geiger	Meets every other Friday, 11:15am — 1pm, at Central Park near the restrooms closest to the dog park. All are 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.

STITCH N CHAT MINI GROUP

We had a wonderful first group for our new Stitch n Chat mini-group on July 22nd! Carol taught us multiple methods for making half-square triangles and we all made a placemat from our blocks. Next month's meeting is on Aug 26th, and we'll be making pillowcases. Fabric kits will be supplied, just bring your sewing machine, neutral thread, and scissors/snips. All are welcome, though in order to protect the immunocompromised members of the group, we do ask that you wear a mask if you haven't been vaccinated. Please RSVP to Melissa as space is limited.

Carol, Jean, & Melissa

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Things to Remember:

- * Next meeting: Aug 12, 2021, 6:30 PM
- Wear a mask (church requirement)
- Wear your name tag
- Sign-in sheet at the door
- Bring your Show and Share quilts

This Month's Calendar:

- General Meeting / Game Night: Thurs, Aug 12, 2021 Social Hour: 6:30-7:00pm Meeting starts at 7:00pm at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church 26440 Bouquet Canyon Rd Saugus, CA
- Business Meeting on ZOOM

Thurs, Aug 19, 2021, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM



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

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