



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 – my little bit of quilting history:

Post WWII: During the 50's and 60's, country folks still quilted though perhaps not at the same level. State and local fairs continued to feature quilt competitions and shows. Quilt historian Barbara Brackman reminds us, "Quilting did not die out in rural America after World War II, although few new patterns or styles evolved until the 1970's."

Another significant group that kept quilting throughout this period was the Amish. New styles in furniture or fads in entertainment did not touch their communities. Quilting continued as it had for years. In the resurgence of interest in quilting during the years surrounding the Bicentennial of the United States in 1976, the American public discovered the beauty of Amish quilting.

Although quilting was out of vogue during the 1940's through the 60's, we can see that quilting was still well and alive beneath the surface of more pressing cultural concerns.

1950's - The height of prosperity for families after two decades of struggles! The nation exploded in new cars, new appliances, and new homes in what would become known as the suburbs. Women enjoyed the ability to purchase stylish and elegant clothing, and portraying the most current fashions.

Although quilting still wasn't a big part of the everyday woman's daily activity as they didn't feel the need to create bed quilts, some women still loved the art of creating the colorful coverings. Like vintage 1940's quilts, finding a vintage 1950's handmade quilt is a treasure.

Sewing machines made in the 1950's had more stitches available for the seamstress, and came with special feet that made quilting and sewing in general much easier. Quilt patterns were designed and sold by popular pattern publishers in fabric stores, and you could now find "how to" quilt books in stores and libraries. Quilting was now seen as a hobby by suburban and city dwelling women. Rural and farming women still used quilting as a necessity.

Fabric prints of the 1950's became vibrant, expressive, and a bit quirky. As television and movie westerns became a favorite with families, fabric manufacturers began producing cotton with elaborate cowboys, horses, and western scenes. As interest in outer space gained

momentum, space inspired fabric was produced with astronauts, spaceships, planets, and atomic-looking galaxies.

A fun wave of fabric became trendy quite fast when prints showing everyday kitchen appliances and futuristic kitchenware were originated. The look of these prints often tied in with the abstract galaxy features of the era. Flowers were large and bold. Some still had that air-brushed look, but most were realistic looking. Prints with roses and fruits were also quite popular.

Next – a request: We believe we will be meeting at the church again in a couple of months. We need help with decorating for the holiday party – please let Linda Townsley know if you have a mini-group willing to help – hospitality will handle the food. With any luck, we will be able to meet at the church in August – fingers crossed!

Keep Quilting!

Sue Bennorth

PROGRAMS

At our July Zoom meeting, we will have a lecture from Kim Lapacek called “Wildly Careening into Quilts”. Our speaker will share her experiences in making traditional quilts untraditionally, sampler quilts with a twist and a wide variety of art quilts. These quilts will show her “oddly beautiful” display of color, motion, and texture. I’m hoping this will inspire all of us to think outside of the box.

We are still waiting to hear back from the church on whether we can meet in person at the church in August.

Linda Townsley

SHOW AND SHARE – SEND PHOTOS

We are having a zoom centered meeting again in July. Please send your show and share items to me on email by July 5th (the Monday before the meeting). Looking forward to helping share your work with the rest of the guild. Be sure your name is on the email or text. A brief writeup about the project can contain information about the pattern, the idea you had, the fabric used, who it is for.

Patti Voyles

NEW MINI-GROUP: "STITCH N CHAT"

Welcome to Stitch n Chat! This is a new mini-group which will meet on the 4th Thursday of each month from 9am-noon at Melissa Nilsen's house. Everyone is welcome! It is essential that you RSVP to Melissa each month as space is limited to 16.

The focus of our group will be to create items for the Guild's community service projects. In the process, we'll share techniques to help members become more confident quilters. This is a space for both new members to connect with the Guild and learn new skills, as well as for established members to lend a hand and share their knowledge.

The first meeting is July 22nd and will focus on techniques to create half square triangles and different ways to use them in your quilting projects. Please bring your sewing machine, ruler (at least 6-1/2" wide), rotary cutter, and essential sewing supplies including a neutral-colored thread (light grey, beige, etc). We will supply all of the fabric as we will be making placements for the Senior Center.

Please email, call, or text Melissa to RSVP. We hope you join us!

Melissa Nilsen, Carol Carter, & Jean Carter

FABRIC AND NOTIONS SALE

The sale on June 12th was a HUGE success! Thanks so much to everyone who showed up to help and all those who came to shop! 53 shoppers came through the sale, we had 2 new members sign up at the sale, and we sold both Opportunity Quilt tickets and Ways & Means tickets.

Melissa Nilsen & Dana Montague

KALEIDOSCOPE PINWHEEL QUILT WORKSHOP

Thank you to all participants of our June 19th workshop. A lot of gorgeous pinwheels were created and I can't wait to see all the quilt tops!

Sue Bennorth

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

I will be meeting with Donna from the Painted Turtle Camp this coming week to deliver quilts and pillowcases. The volunteers, parents and especially the campers have such appreciation for your generosity in crafting such beautiful quilts. Thank you very much for all you do!

Dana Montague

COMMUNITY SERVICE – PREGNANCY CENTER

Hello everyone hope you are staying cool in all this heat. I was able to take 14 bundles over to the center this week, bringing our total to 110 bundles that we have given to the Pregnancy Center. That's really wonderful! Thank you for all your hard work. After our meeting on July 8th, I will be making up more kits that you can pick up from Carol Carter's porch and as always you can come by my house and pick up kits. I am in the directory. Thanks and happy sewing.

Debbie Ackerman

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

I am putting together another delivery to Cal Vets. I have quite a few knitted or crocheted quilts, but also several wheel chair quilts and a beautiful bed quilt that was dropped off on my porch this week. I have several wheelchair quilts that have been spray basted, about 10 bed-sized quilts that need a quilter and 10-15 kits. More are coming. Remember, you don't have to do all the steps, we have several groups who like to make tops, quilt or bind! I am grateful for all of you. The boxes are still on my porch, feel free to call or just drop by and grab something to work on.

Patti Voyles

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Thanks much to those who sewed our January BOTM blocks into 5 lap quilt tops and 1 twin size top. I've sandwiched them and we already had three ladies volunteer to quilt them for us. We really appreciate everyone's help, and I'm so thrilled with how many quilts we are making for the Cal Vets this year through our Block of the Month program!

I'm providing a new Block of the Month, "Star Crossed", which is 2 blocks that create a pattern of alternating diamonds and stars that are chained together. There will be new block kits for you to pick up at Carol's or at Quilters in the Park. A copy of the pattern and a picture will be at the end of this newsletter and on our website: <https://scvquiltguild.org/block-of-the-month>. 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

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 3 new quilters join us during the month of June - warmest welcome to Cindy Hastings, Vivan Kimoto, and Rose Ortega. This brings our current 2021 membership to 78.

Happy July birthdays to:

- 1 - Desiree Higgins
- 12 - Linda Kussoy
- 20 - Jean Carter
- 28 - Julie Robinson



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

Leslie Wright & Kris Dolan

HOSPITALITY

Will be back as soon as we are allowed!

Dolores, Kendra, and Julie

TREASURER'S REPORT

Here is the Treasurer's Report for May 2020:

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 31, 2021

	Bank of America Checking		
	Beginning Balance as of 4-30-21		\$ 25,692.12
	Deposits and Other Credits		
14-May	Deposit-Spray Baste&Fabric Sale	\$ 49.10	
14-May	Deposit-Membership& Opportunity Tickets	\$ 55.00	
14-May	Deposit-Opportunity Tickets	\$ 20.00	
14-May	Deposit-Donations	\$ 254.46	
21-May	Deposit-Ways & Means for May	\$ 78.00	
21-May	Void Check #1604	\$ 20.00	
	Total Deposits		\$ 476.56
	Withdrawals & Other Debits		
14-May	Doryce Fitzgerald	\$ 60.34	
	Total Withdrawals		\$ 60.34
	Ending Balance as of 5-31-21		\$ 26,108.34

Penny Lawrence

WAYS AND MEANS

We had a great turnout at the fabric sale for Ways and Means. Thank you to everyone that supported us!

The following ladies were the winners. Congratulations and enjoy.

#1-Asian Fusion- Michelle Tavares

#2-Things go Better With Coke-Stephanie Pust

#3-Soft and Snuggly- Doryce Fitzgerald

#4-All Cooped Up- Kathleen Dolan

#5- Autumn Splendor- Penny Lawrence

#6- Basket of Yarn- Linda Townsley

We will have some more fun packets at our next meeting, hope to see you all then!

Rita, Linda, and Millie

WEBSITE

There is an additional section on our website for Videos, <https://scvquiltguild.org/educational-videos>. Melissa Nilsen has made YouTube videos on how to make the 4-at-a-time Flying Geese (what she taught at our March meeting), constructing our March & April BOTM, and how to square up a quilt. I've also made a video on adding a binding using the "magic" method. We will be adding additional videos in the future: making pillowcases for Turtle Camp, etc. If anyone has a request for other topics we can cover in a video, please let me know.

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 at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church
May 15	Free Workshop: Sew Powerful purses, led by Doryce Fitzgerald
June 10	Speaker: Sue Bennorth – "Stack n Whack fabric selection" via Zoom
June 12	Fabric Sale at Joyce Wilkinson's
June 19	Free Zoom Workshop: "Stack n Whack" with Sue Bennorth
July 8	Speaker: Kim Lapacek – "Wildly Careening into Quilting" via Zoom
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

JULY 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	Cut Size	Quantity
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" x 5.5"	1
Corner Squares*	2" x 2"	4
Flying Geese legs*	3.75" x 3.75"	4

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

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.

Step 3:

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.

Step 4:

Sew the patches together as shown. The *legs* of the flying geese need to point away 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.



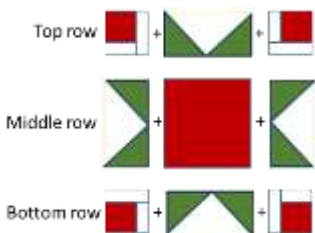
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Step 2



Step 3



Step 4

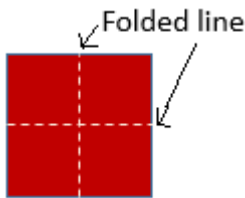


Diamond Block

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

For each block, you will need:

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

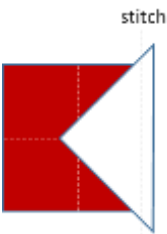


Step 1

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

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.



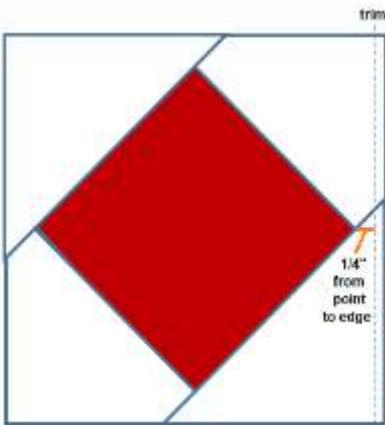
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Step 3:

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.



Step 4

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
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
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.

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Things to Remember:

- ❖ *Next meeting: July 8, 2021, 6:30 PM*

This Month's Calendar:

- ❖ **General Meeting on ZOOM**
Thurs, July 8, 2021, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
- ❖ **Business Meeting on ZOOM**
Thurs, July 15, 2021, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM



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