



# 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

My Dear Quilty Friends,

You probably saw the email that informed us all, but I want to take moment to acknowledge the passing of our Membership Chairperson, Michelle Tavares. She passed unexpectedly about a week ago and our thoughts and prayers are with her family. May she rest in the embrace of the angels.

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You will find a new Membership chair at our April meeting. Please thank and welcome Sara Nelson, and her helper Tina Sammartano – new members who have stepped up to help out. We sure appreciate you ladies!

I am writing this article immediately following our business meeting, so I have “businessy” things to share. We are moving forward with a booth at the Lakes and Valley Art Guild, with the help of Joyce Wilkinson and her mini-group friends, and the boutique items that so many of our members have made that will be sold there. I know I am personally making poppy place mats and napkins, and a couple of aprons, to be sold in that booth. Hopefully, we will still occupy the booth for the Leona Valley Cherry Festival in June. We need cherry-themed items for that event – and if I can make some in spite of the fact that I work full time, I hope some of you can, also. Other opportunities we have for you to help support the guild include the upcoming SCV Home and Garden Show in Central Park on April 30-May1. We need members to (wo)man our booth there and sell boutique items and opportunity quilt tickets. We also have the Long Beach Quilt Show coming up in August. This will require about 10 members to volunteer to assist the LBQG manning the show so we can sell tickets for our opportunity quilt during their two-day show. Please consider supporting and participating in these terrific opportunities for our guild. More information will be available soon in email and future newsletters.

Keep on Quiltin’ On!!

*Sue Bennorth*

## PROGRAMS

I hope you all enjoyed Joyce Wilkinson's March presentation as much as I did! I love hearing all the tips and tricks to make my quilt better.

Our workshop with Dolores Roux Jones was well attended and everyone finished their project before we went to lunch!

Our April meeting will feature Community Service, showcasing the many organizations we donate to.

May's meeting will feature Patti Voyle's. We are so very lucky to have quilt guild with so much talent and knowledge.

*Kris Dolan*

## TRIPLE-R INVITE

You are invited to the TRIPLE R! This is not only for the Officers and Committee chairs, but is open to anyone who is interested in how the Guild works and who does what when. Thinking you might like to be part of a committee or be an officer sometime in the future? This is for you. There is NO obligation to volunteer for a position if you attend.

On Saturday, March 26 from 9 am to noon, we will be having our inaugural TRIPLE R at Duane Harte Park at River Village. (Address: 26401 Riverrock Way Santa Clarita, CA 91351).

Whenever we have a new officer and /or committee chair, the guild is required to conduct an event that will provide clarification of the rules, roles and resources for guild positions. It will be a fun instructive time when you can learn how and why we do things.

Please contact Marcia Dains via email (contact info is in the directory) if you are interested in attending. We would love to have you!

*Marcia Dains*

## SHOW AND SHARE – SEND PHOTOS

Please send your show and share items to me on email by April 11th (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 write-up about the project can contain information about the pattern, the idea you had, the fabric used, who it is for.

*Patti Voyles*

## PREPARING YOUR QUILT FOR THE LONGARM QUILTER

1. Be sure your quilt top is ironed with seams flat. If you have a quilt top with no borders, the edges of the quilt will need to be stay stitched with a long basting stitch on your sewing machine. This keeps the seams from coming apart while being quilted. The top then needs to be hung on a hanger.
2. If you have a multicolored quilt top, select a backing that has the same colors as the top. This is very important if it is going to be custom quilted. Even an edge-to-edge quilt needs a back that will coordinate with the colors of the quilt top.
3. If you choose a light backing for a dark top or dark backing for a light top, there is no guarantee the dark thread will not show through to the back or front!
4. Your borders and/or the outside edges of your quilt should lay flat...if they don't, then the borders may need to be taken off and resized or the outside blocks of a quilt may need to be fixed.
5. Make sure your backing is square and sized to the quilter's specifications, ironed, and hung on a hanger. My specifications are 8" wider and 8" longer than the quilt top measurements. An 80'x80' top would need an 88"x88" backing. This allows the quilter to add clamps that keep the back from getting tucks.
6. Check with your quilter about the batting and thread. Some machines work better with different batting and thread.
7. No 3D embellishments (Buttons, ribbons, flowers etc.) on the quilt that can be added after the quilt is quilted.
8. Allow the quilter ample time to return your quilt...life happens. If you need your quilt by a specific time, let the quilter know ahead of time so he or she can tell you if that is possible.
9. If you follow these steps, your quilter will be able to complete your quilt much faster, and you will save money. Some quilters charge \$30 per hour to iron, square, and fix problem places in the quilt top or back. This can add up to more money than you might have thought.
10. All quilting quotes are for the quilting only, not for anything else that the quilt needs, i.e., thread, batting, and binding. Binding costs from 15 to 25 cents per inch when machine stitched. Hand stitching the binding to the back can cost even more. If the quilter finishes your quilt (binding finishes the quilt) and the quilter has a tax number, they will have to charge tax on the whole project. This will add 9-10% to the total cost of the project.

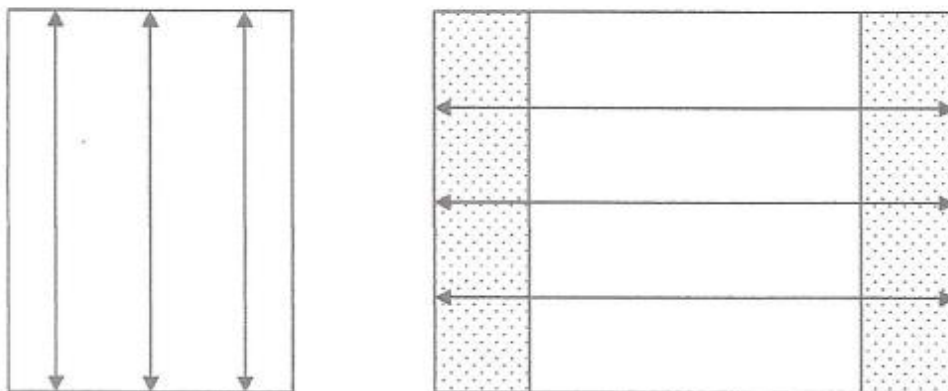
## SEWING THE BORDERS TO YOUR QUILT

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After the body of the quilt has been pieced, gently press before adding borders. The logical place to measure the finished top is along its outside edges, and this is a useful measurement. However, measurements should be taken across the center and in at least two more places for both the width and length. If these measurements are different from that of the outer edge, accidental stretching has occurred. To keep the finished quilt as straight and square as possible, you must measure the centers.

### BORDERS WITH STRAIGHT CUT CORNERS

Determine the **length** of the quilt border by measuring across the center of the quilt, and about half way between the center and the raw edge. Take these measurements and find the average. Cut two border pieces that length. Divide the border piece and the corresponding quilt edge into quarters and mark with pins. Pin the border piece to the quilt edge, matching pins, easing or stretching in the fullness as needed. Sew and press. Repeat for other side.



Determine the **width** of the quilt border by measuring across the center of the quilt, measuring from the raw edge of the (just applied) border to the raw edge of the (just applied) border. Measure again about half way between the center and the raw edge. Take these measurements and find the average. Cut two border pieces that length. Divide the border piece and the corresponding quilt edge into quarters and mark with pins. Pin the border piece to the quilt edge, matching pins, easing or stretching in the fullness as needed. Sew and press. Repeat for other side.

Continue to measure this way for every border that you need to apply to the quilt.

Joyce Wilkinson

## THE BOUTIQUE

We have received many great donations for our boutique, even though we do not have a date as to when we will be able to have one...we will be prepared!! Thanks to Melissa Nilsen, Judy Woodings, Rhea Fetter, Joan Anderson, Stitch and Chat, Monday Mavens, The Cut up group, Freedom Quilters and so many more that have contributed items for our sale!

What to consider when you make items for sale:

1. Up to date fabric.
2. Matching threads.
3. Make whatever you would be willing to buy.
4. One or two nice items would be appreciated from each member, and would make our sale more successful.

*Joyce Wilkinson*

## IFFI

The IFFI group is up and running...members are finishing those projects and are feeling great, because their unfinished stack is getting smaller. Keep sending me the pictures of your great work.

*Joyce Wilkinson*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE – SENIOR CENTER

I have place mat kits and binding kits available. Just call me and we can get them to you.

Thank you again,

*Carol Carter*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE – VETERAN'S PROJECTS

Veterans Donations 2021

A big thank you to everyone who helped to complete the various donations we made during 2021 to the Cal Vet Home in West LA. They sent us letters of thanks, the second is included in this newsletter. Every part of the process was helped by many willing hands. Total Donations were:

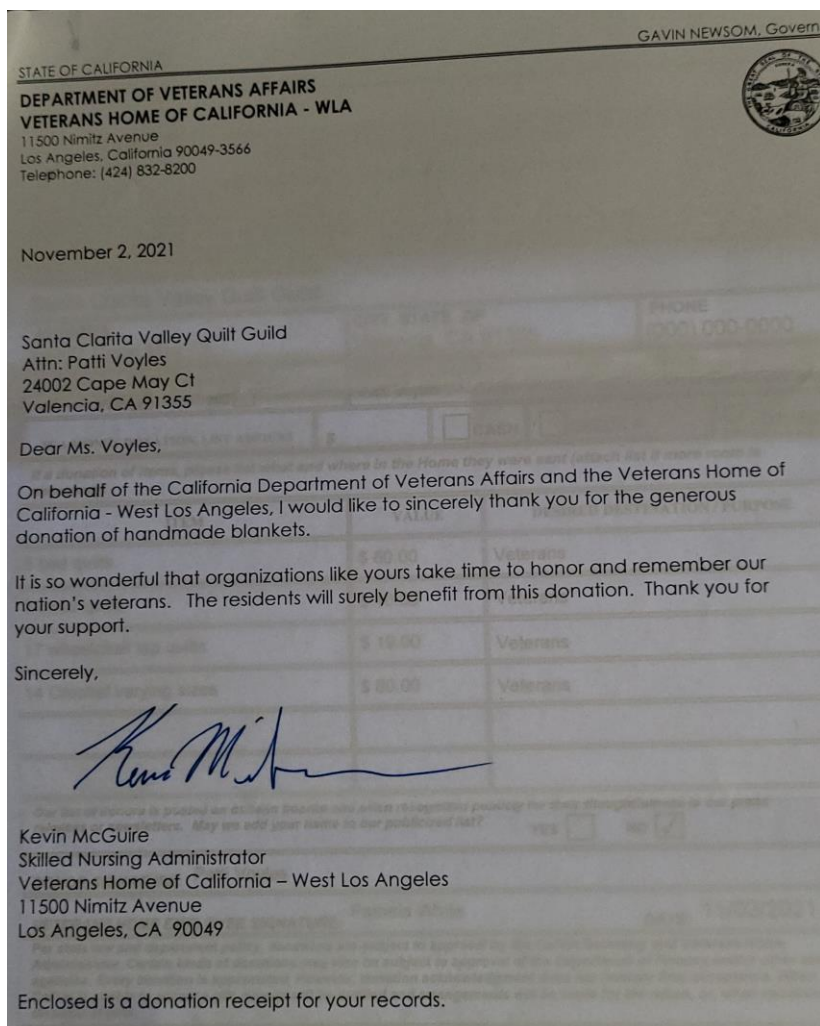
Donations in April:

- 14 Bed quilts
- 15 Wheelchair quilts
- 44 Clothing Protectors (vests)
- 2 Wall Hangings
- 15 small to medium quilts

Donations in November:

- 5 Bed quilts
- 8 Small quilts
- 17 Wheelchair quilts
- 14 Crochet/Knitted shawls/blankets

We have enough items to take to the Cal Vets. I will be calling and arranging a drop-off time. I don't know if we are allowed in the facility at this time. I will let everyone know after I hear back from our contact.



Patti Voyles

## COMMUNITY SERVICE – GUIDE DOGS

This year, we are trying out a pattern donated by Rhea Fetter. It is really charming and I hope the picture will give you an idea of what to expect. We will be making it one row and one column bigger so it will be 5 x 6 for a total of 15 dogs and 15 trapezoid blocks.



The dog blocks are to be a picture of your dog. Take one, send one you love, to me via email. Please try to send the original picture, full digital size as I will be printing them on fabric. The finished image will be 10x10" plus seam allowance. We will be adding pre-cut borders to bring the blocks to 12x12 finished.

Kits will also be provided for the trapezoid blocks. These do involve a mitered join which is not as hard as it looks. We will be doing some sort of zoom/in person meeting to learn the technique. There will be more than 15 kits and the extras will be used along with extra dogs to make quilts that can be given to GDA for the in-year raffles, or for prizes in the guild.

Rita Percer found some of the fabric on sale and I am going to check Rye Canyon Supply for the dog related prints such as the border and in some of the blocks. I will be needing volunteers to make kits! Let me know if you are willing. Text, email or in person work for this.

*Patti Voyles*

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF QUILT GUILDS

Meet the Teachers is scheduled for a Zoom Meeting on April 9th. Our President, 1st VP and Program chair will receive invitations. However, everyone is welcome to attend. On the front page of the SCCQG website are directions for how to register to attend. The teachers are given 3 minutes to speak. A schedule of who is speaking with times is provided.

*Patti Voyles*

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Thank you all for the microwave bowls created to sell at the festivals this year! Now back to a block. This month's block is a Sawtooth Star Block which will be combined with next month's "Heart In A Star" block. We will have the kit available at the April meeting, Quilter's in the Park, Carol Carter's porch, or by contacting either of us. Please let us know if you would like one.

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>. Have fun learning this new block! Call if you have any questions. Our phone numbers are in the directory. THANKS so much for your sewing support! 😊

*Joan Anderson & Darlene Stump*

## MEMBERSHIP

Hi, I'm new to the guild, and have taken over membership along with Tina Sammartano. We're looking forward to getting to know everyone soon!

Happy April birthdays to:

- Apr 02 - Vivian Kimoto
- Apr 09 - Geneva Axline
- Apr 22 - Darlene Stump
- Apr 28 - Kathleen Dolan
- Apr 28 - Kristeen Dolan



Happy Quilting!!

*Sara Anne Nelson & Tina Sammartano*

## OPPORTUNITY TICKETS

Opportunity Quilt tickets will be distributed in April. If you want more, please let me know and I'll be happy to get them to you.

We are going to show the quilt at the Home and Garden Show on April 30 and May 1. Let me know if you can help sell tickets. We will also be selling some of our boutique items.

If you have an event that you would like to bring the quilt to, please let me know and I will make arrangements with you.



We are starting to work on next year's opportunity quilt. All are invited to help out. It will be paper pieced. We'll show you how if you've never done it. There's lots of prep and we will probably be ready to sew in May. It will be on a Saturday and I'll let you know the date when we get closer. Feel free to come once or as many times as you like. Hope you'll join us. Happy Quilting!!

*Doryce Fitzgerald*

## HOSPITALITY

Due to face mask requirements at the church, we will not be providing refreshments other than water which you can drink outside.

*Dolores, Kendra, and Julie*

## WAYS AND MEANS

March winners for Ways and Means:

- 1- Gift Card bonanza- Rita Percer
- 2- Explore- Penny Lawrence
- 3- Giddy Up- Vickie Reti
- 4- And Sew On- Dolores Roux-Jones
- 5- School of fish- Rhea Fetter

Thank you to all that have supported the ways and means!

*Rita, Linda, and Millie*

## WEBSITE

Please go to our website and view the beautiful quilts and other items our members are making. To view, go to the photo drop down, then to photo page 1. Look at the March Show and Share. We want to thank Patti Voyles for all her hard work in putting these presentations together for our guild.

*Carol Carter*

## TREASURER’S REPORT

Here is the Treasurer’s Report for February 2022:

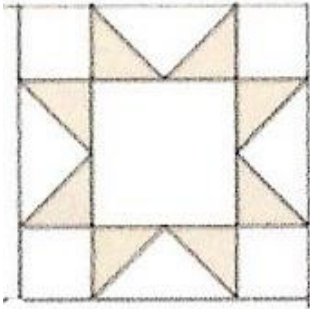
	<b>Bank of America Checking</b>		
	<b>Beginning Balance as of 2-01-22</b>		<b>\$ 25,092.32</b>
	<b>Deposits and Other Credits</b>		
1-Feb	Membership&Opport Tickets	\$ 50.00	
4-Feb	Mem,OT,Postage,Donation	\$ 383.00	
7-Feb	Membership&Opport Tickets	\$ 50.00	
7-Feb	Spray Baste	\$ 44.10	
11-Feb	I Finally Finished It	\$ 130.00	
11-Feb	Membership&Opport Tickets	\$ 255.00	
11-Feb	Ways & Means	\$ 134.00	
16-Feb	Donation	\$ 40.00	
16-Feb	Membership&Opport Tickets	\$ 150.00	
23-Feb	Membership&Opport Tickets	\$ 50.00	
	<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 1,286.10</b>
	<b>Withdrawals &amp; Other Debits</b>		
1-Feb	Dolores Roux-Jones	\$ 35.23	
4-Feb	Returned Item&BankFee	\$ 62.00	
7-Feb	USPS-PO Box	\$ 202.00	
27-Feb	Doryce Fitzgerald	\$ 194.95	
		\$ 494.18	
	<b>Total Withdrawals</b>		<b>\$ 494.18</b>
	<b>Ending Balance 2-28-22</b>		<b>\$ 25,884.18</b>

*Penny Lawrence*

## 2022 PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Jan 13	Kathleen Dolan & Melissa Lee: Guild Orientation, Ergonomics & Stretching
Feb 10	Marcia Dains: English Paper Piecing
March 10	Joyce Wilkinson: How to Prepare a Quilt for a Longarm Quilter
April 14	Community Service
May 12	Patti Voyles: Mitered Joins
June 9	Barbara Montejo: Block Auction
July 14	Doryce Fitzgerald: Sew Powerful Purses
Aug 11	Game Night
Sept 8	Roberta Nicholson: TBD
Oct 13	LuJean Seagul: Borders
Oct 15	Workshop: Beyond the Borders
Nov 10	Connie Sitar: Art Quilts
Nov 12	Workshop: Arts Quilts with Connie Sitar
Dec 8	Holiday Party with Quilty Pleasures vendor

## APRIL BLOCK OF THE MONTH – SAWTOOTH STAR



This is the first of two blocks that will go together to create a star and heart quilt. There are many ways to create the star block, but with the pre-cut pieces in this month's kits, these directions will work best.

Your block should be 12 1/2" UNFINISHED. Finished Size (once sewn into the quilt) is 12".

For each block, you will need:

<u>Fabric/Color</u>	<u>Cut Size</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
White fabric (solid or small print)		
- Center Square	6 1/2" sq.	1
- Rectangles	3 1/2" x 6 1/2"	4
- Square Corners	3 1/2" sq."	4
Mid-tone Floral Fabric		
- Squares	3 1/2" sq.	8

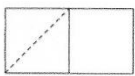


Fig. 1

### SEW ALL SEAMS A SCANT 1/4"

Using a ruler and pencil, draw a diagonal line on the back of the (8) 3 1/2" square floral fabric. Match a 3 1/2" floral square to the corner of (1) 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" white rectangle RST. Sew ON the diagonal line. (Fig. 1)

Trim Excess fabric 1/4" from outside the diagonal line and press to the floral fabric.

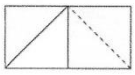


Fig. 2

Match another 3 1/2" floral square to the other corner of the white rectangle RST. It will overlap a little at the center. Sew on the diagonal line. (Fig. 2)

Trim Excess fabric and press. This makes 1 Flying Geese unit.

Repeat steps and make a total of 4 flying Geese units

### Combine Units

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Lay out (1) 6 1/2" white square, (4) Flying Geese Units and (4) 3 1/2" white squares.

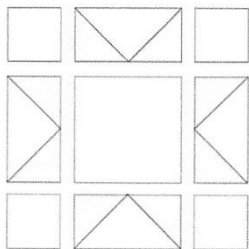


Fig. 3

In Row 1, sew each piece to the next. Press seams to the white squares.

In Row 2, sew each piece to the next. Press seams to the center white square.

In Row 3, sew each piece to the next. Press seams to the white squares.

Sew Row 1 to Row 2, matching and locking seams.

Sew Row 2 to Row 3, matching and locking seams. Press.

2022 OPPORTUNITY QUILT: “WINDMILL FANCY” - 92” X 104”



## 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	Meeting every week on Zoom for now – everyone welcome. Contact Kris for the Zoom link.
Stitch n Chat ***	Carol Carter	Meets third Thursday of each month at Carol’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

This mini-group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 9am-12pm and is open to everyone. We try to showcase a different quilting technique at each meeting and then put those techniques to use in creating items for the guild’s community service projects. It’s perfect both for those members who want to improve their quilting skills and experienced quilters with tips to share. Fabric is supplied, just bring your sewing machine, neutral thread, and scissors/snips.

We made cross body purses at the March meeting, and plan to make other items for the boutique at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. If you’d like to join us, please RSVP to Carol as space is limited.



Carol, Jean, & Melissa

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*Things to Remember:*

- ❖ **Next meeting: April 14, 2022, 6:30 PM**
- ❖ **Wear a mask (church requirement)**
- ❖ **Sign a waiver if you didn't last month**
- ❖ **Wear your name tag**
- ❖ **Sign-in sheet at the door**
- ❖ **Bring your Show and Share quilts**

*This Month's Calendar:*

- ❖ **General Meeting: Thurs, April 14, 2022**  
Social Hour: 6:30-7:00pm  
Meeting starts at 7:00pm  
at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church  
26440 Bouquet Canyon Rd Saugus, CA  
Or, join from home on Zoom at 7pm
- ❖ **Business Meeting: Thurs, April 21, 2022**  
6:30-8:30pm on Zoom



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