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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 FOR JAN

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and Hanukkah. Our Holiday party was fantastic. The decorated tables were very festive and the food was delicious. Thank you to all that took part in having a fun evening with music and friends.

“Midnight Beauty in New York” Opportunity Quilt was won by our long-time member Rita Rippe.

January is going to be a busy month. Look below for the dates of the various meetings at Sara’s community room. The two most important are Triple R and the Quilt Show meeting. Triple R is on Saturday, January 17th, from 1pm to 3pm. Gabrielle, our Parliamentarian, will go over the bylaws that pertain to officers and chairpersons’ positions. Our treasurer, Darlene, will go over the financial information that is needed to be completed by the various chairpersons and the budget for that event or fundraiser.

We will have a table at Road to California on Thursday January 22, selling our opportunity quilt raffle tickets. The 2026 Opportunity Quilt will be presented at our January 8th meeting, so we will have to wait and see what the name of our quilt is.

See you on the 8th.
Penny Kendall-Lawrence





DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

January 15 - the Business Meeting.

January 17 - Saturday Sew and Dear Jane FPP class from 10am to 12:30pm. Bring your lunch if you are staying for Triple R.

January 17 - Triple R from 1:00 to 3:00pm at Sara's Community Room

January 21 – 24 - Road to California.

January 31 – First Quilt Show Meeting from 10:00 to 12:00pm at Sara's Community Room.

QUILT SHOW 2026

Our dates are locked in - **October 24 and 25 of 26. Memorize it!**

Hello fellow quilters. This message comes from deep in the depths of the "Quilt Show" vault. We are busy storing lots of information and ideas. We need your help. During the January meeting we will be asking for volunteers to staff many committees. Think about what you would like to do to help make this a success. **There will be a meeting on January 31, 10 am**, at Sara's complex. All are welcome. In the meantime, be thinking about your quilt entries. I hope you are as excited as we are about seeing the creativity of our members. This is an opportunity to show what we are all about.

Thank you,
Joann Lombardi and Darlene Stump
2026 Quilt Show Co-Chairs



THE DEAR JANE QUILT- THE 2026 GUILD PROJECT- OH DEAR!

OH DEAR! The time is here to begin the DEAR JANE journey! Thank you Claire who spearheaded the technique sign up sheet at the December Holiday Party. Very interesting to see what people want to do. Would you believe that the percentage of those willing to do appliquéd is almost the same as the percentage of appliquéd blocks in the project? And the same with the percentage of those wanting to do FPP. Oh DEAR, this must be a positive foreshadowing of success.

On JANUARY 17, (the normal Saturday Sew at Sara's) we will be having our first DEAR JANE FPP class at Sara's from 10 am to 12:30 (This is changed from the original January 31 date and time). We will be doing blocks from the first 4 rows of the quilt and highlighting ways to make the process easier. Claire, Jerri, Melissa and I have done the blocks and know where we can make the process easier for you and at time avoid working with small pieces. You will need to bring your machine, dark blue thread, sewing supplies to include a rotary cutter and ruler. A small cutting mat, and small iron are helpful but optional. We also will have Add-a Quarter and Add-an-Eighth rulers at the class for you to use. Sign-up sheets will be at the January meeting. FYI: No lunch is provided

Applique and traditional piecing kits will be available In January as well. Come join us!!

Marcia, Melissa, Claire and Jerri.

PROGRAMS – KEEP IT SIMPLE

This meeting we have Rachel Derstine Desings lecturing on
KEEP IT SIMPLE, BUT PACK A PUNCH



A PowerPoint lecture presentation demonstrating the idea that quilts do not need to be complex to be compelling. Her thoughts on how to choose great fabrics and simple designs to create amazing quilts. She will show some work from artists who have inspired her and also speak about how her background has informed her work.



We will be meeting for dinner at 4:45pm at Stonefire grill 23300 Cinema Drive, Valencia, CA 91355 (Dinner is at your own cost).



COWBOY FESTIVAL 2026

Can't believe it is that time again! Cowboy Festival applications are out and the dates are set.

We are excited to announce that the City of Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival will be hosted once again at William S. Hart Park on Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19, 2026.

The Guild will have a booth, and we are looking for volunteers to co-chair the event. Co-chairing means that the person(s) will take point on doing inventory, pricing, set up and working one full day at the event and take down. Marcia and Barbara are looking for someone who is willing to be trained to take it over in the future. Fun to do. If interested, please see Marcia or Barbara (At ways and Means table.).

We will have fabric for members to use for projects at the February meeting. Last year, members made absolutely beautiful items.

GUILD SOCIAL MEDIA-PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE

I encourage all our members to become members of the Santa Clarita Quilt Guild Facebook Page. It is a private group and only members can join. We highlight birthdays, projects, fun quotes and announcements especially with the 2026 Quilt Show coming up! Easy to do- just answer the 3 questions to qualify. Be sure to scroll down to see all 3 questions or you may miss some. Hope to see your name.

Marcia D

FREE TABLE – COMFY & COZY FOR JANUARY

The Guild was blessed with a very large donation (10 bags) of quality yarn from member Jackie Amundsen. There are all sorts of yarn from worsted to novelty.

We will also have 2 bins of flannel which we garnered from our storage compartment. We hope our members will be able to use these lovely items.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

I am looking forward to a wonderful new year of service to our community! Our guild will continue to gift many local community organizations such as R.I.S.E., Finally Family, and Family Promise with quilts. We donate shawls, placemats and lap quilts to SCV Senior Center, Clothing Protectors, (dining vests) wheelchair as well as bed quilts to the Veterans Administration as well as CAL VET. The patrons of the SCV Pregnancy Center benefit from our quilts, receiving blankets, burp cloths and bibs.

Be sure to visit the community service tables at the back of our meeting room to learn more about our programs and pick up a project or two!

Thank you for all you do,
Community Service Chair
Dana Montague

COMMUNITY SERVICE - SENIOR CENTER

Hope everyone had good time at our holiday party. So much good food, laughter and don't forget the wonderful sing-along, I know I won't.

Congratulations to the winners of the community service drawing
Rhea F, Sherryl Z, Darlene T, Jean C, Barbara M, and Melissa N.

Happy New Year
Debbie A



VA PROJECTS – CAL VET

We will have block and top assembly kits at the January meeting. There will be spray basted quilts and one large quilt for long arm quilting at the meeting. We have a few kits left to make vests as well.

We will be posting information to assist with help making kits for blocks and vests sometime in February.

Patti Voyles
VA Coordinator

HOSPITALITY

January snacks are **G through Q**. If you bring your snack in a serving dish, please label it. Please also pick it up before leaving the meeting. We don't always know who brought which specific plate, bowl, or casserole dish. We would hate to just leave a member's heirloom dish at the church simply because we do not know who owns it. If you do forget to pick it up, then by having your name on it, we will return it at the following meeting or contact you directly.

Dolores & Kendra
Your Hospitality Team



TIP – HOMEMADE SPRAY BASTE

Tip from Jerri Stoyanoff – link to full article below

<https://www.stringandstory.com/blog/2017/2/14/tips-tuesday-homemade-spray-baste>

This recipe was first published on [California Quilting](#), then [Chatterbox Quilts](#) made a video tutorial as well.

The RECIPE is simple

3 cups water

1 teaspoon salt

3 heaping tablespoons flour

1 cup rubbing alcohol (update: Vodka works too and makes the spray odorless!)

Clean spray bottle (I bought one for about \$3 in the cleaning section at Target; a well rinsed Best Press bottle would probably work, too)

Combine 2 cups water and 1 tsp salt in a pot and bring to a boil. Meanwhile, combine 1 cup water and 3 heaping tablespoons flour in a jar or well-sealed Tupperware, and shake to mix. When the water and salt boils, turn down to a gentle boil and add flour and water. Cook on medium-ish until the mixture thickens like gravy (stir it so it doesn't stick!). Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature (I poured mine out of the pot and into a Pyrex mixing bowl with a spout, so it would be ready to pour into the spray bottle. When the mixture is cool, pour it into the spray bottle and add 1 cup rubbing alcohol. Shake well to mix.



IFFI CHALLENGE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026

Thank you to our members that participated in the 2025 Challenge: Andrea B., Barbara S., Carol C., Debbie A. (winner of the Label Drawing), Debbie K., Jean C., Jeanne B. (Our Winner), Jeri B., Jerri S., Joyce W., Marcia D., Melissa N., Nancy G., Patti V., Rhea F. and Sherryl Z. To all my new Challenge participants turn your IFFI lists starting at the January 2026 meeting ending at the February meeting.

Please remember all projects must have been started before January 2026. All completed projects submitted must be finished including quilting, label (only if you want to be in that drawing and you do not want to answer to Joyce) and binding. Remember labels are extra credit and have their own drawing.

I am starting to work on my IFFI projects list, I hope you are too. I am so looking forward to working with you and seeing your completed quilts. I will have blank forms at the meeting on card stock for you to fill out. See you then...

Remember your projects need to be finished, quilted and with a binding. If you have a label, you will be in an extra drawing for a small prize.

See you at the January meeting.

Nancy Goettling



WAYS AND MEANS

Congratulations to the December raffle winners!

#1 Accuquilt Cutter	Jerri S.
#2 Christmas Chickadee	Debra K.
#3 Jolly Snowman	Janell C.
#4 Isn't Christmas Jolly?	Jeri B.
#5 Snowy Morning	Nancy G.

Happy New Year! Barbara and I will be working hard to bring you some lovely sewing packages in 2026. This month we will begin with a sweet package that celebrates Pineapple Love, a couple of valentine packages, and a couple of winter quilt kits.

We will continue offering small fabric bundles for our second chance drawing winners.

In 2025, your support of Ways and Means brought into the guild over \$2100.

Let's keep going!

Ways and Means Committee,
Laura H. and Barbara S.





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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Programs 2026

8-Jan	Rachel Derstine – <u>Zoom Lecture</u> – Keep it Simple. But Pack a Punch
17-Jan	Penny Lawrence- <u>RRR- (All members invited)</u> planning meeting for our guild and member involvement 1pm – 3pm Sara's MPR
12-Feb	Robin Long – <u>Lecture</u> - Modern Mariner's Compass, Strip Pieced!
12-Mar	Linda S. Schmidt - <u>Lecture</u> - Short attention span truck show
14-Mar	Linda S. Schmidt – <u>Workshop</u> - Filament Fantasy
9-Apr	Alicia Campbell – "The Batty Lady "- <u>Lecture</u>
14-May	Quilt Auction and Fabric Sale
11-Jun	Community Service Night
9-Jul	Jerri Stoyanoff – <u>Lecture</u> – Sashiko History
11-Jul	Jerri Stoyanoff- <u>Workshop #1</u> - Sashiko Rice Bag
13-Aug	Game Night
15-Aug	Jerri Stoyanoff- <u>Workshop #2</u> – Sashiko Rice Bag
10-Sep	Connie Sitar- <u>Lecture</u> - Landscape quilting and truck show
8-Oct	Quilt Show preparation information
Oct 24 & 25	<u>Quilt Show</u>
12-Nov	Melissa Nilsen – <u>short lecture</u> on how to make perfect points
10-Dec	Holiday Party

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

Jerri Stoyanoff and Carol Carter
Programs



SARA'S MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM LOCATION INFO

For all events and workshops being held at: Sara's Multi-Purpose Room – Bouquet Canyon Apartments – 26705 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Saugus

The Complex is located across the street from the church where we hold our monthly meetings. The room is spacious offering a nice venue to hold our workshops. Parking is very limited, so we recommend carpooling and dropping off your sewing machines and supplies at the multi-purpose room before looking for parking. Participants can park in the Bouquet Canyon Plaza shopping center next to the apartments. There is parking available by the Trek Bicycle shop and a short walk across the bridge into the apartment complex. Please bring your lunch and drinks with you. As an option, there are several fast-food places close by.

WEBSITE

On the home page you can find:

The 2026 membership forms and IFFI forms to download.

2026 upcoming programs and workshop schedule.

Quilt show dates and theme.

2025 Opportunity quilt winner Rita Rippe is shown under photo drop down. Page 1 opportunity quilt.

Holiday party photos are under photo drop down. Page 1

Carol Carter
Web Mistress

MINI-GROUPS

Name	Contact	Meeting Information
Monday Mavens	Melissa Nilsen	Meets the 1 st Monday Melissa's house – starting at 9am Space limited please RSVP to Melissa
	Doryce Fitzgerald	Meets the 3rd Monday at Doryce's house - starting at 9am Space limited please RSVP to Doryce
Stitch n' Chat	Carol Carter	Meets 4th Thursday of each month at Darlene's house Space limited, must RSVP to Carol. Time 9:30 – 12:30 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. Stitch and Chat will not be meeting in January due to Road to CA.
Quilters in the Park	Kendra Geiger	Every other Friday, Central Park on Bouquet Cyn near the restrooms closest to the dog park, Fall/Winter/Spring hours 11:15ish – 1:30pm Summer hours 9:15ish – 11:00am weather permitting Everyone is welcome. Dates for 2026 –
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.

All groups are open and encourage new members. If you want to attend a meeting, we recommend calling the contact to ensure that nothing has changed since this listing.



2025 OPPORTUNITY QUILT - MIDNIGHT BEAUTY IN NEW YORK

This year's quilt was won by Rita Rippe



Thank You
Quilt Moms
Tina S, TinaMarie S and Debra K
Quilt Moms

2026 OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Fingers crossed and if all goes as planned, we will be revealing the new 2026 Opportunity Quilt at the January meeting.

Also, Doryce and Carol will be at Road to Ca on the 22nd selling opportunity tickets for this year's quilt.

TREASURER'S REPORT & 2026 BUDGET

Bank of America Checking November 2025

Beginning Balance 10/1/25	\$ 40,785.04
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Deposits and Other Credits

14-Nov	DEP	Ways & Means	\$ 160.00
14-Nov	DEP	2025 Opportunity Tickets:Members	\$ 91.00
Total Credits			\$ 251.00

Withdrawals and Other Debits

6-Nov	3125	Carol Carter/Emblem Academy Boutique	\$ 21.36
12-Nov	3126	Sara-Anne Nelson/Workshop Snacks	\$ 31.47
12-Nov	3127	Jerri Stoyanoff/Speaker Meal	\$ 17.93
12-Nov	3128	Department Of JusticeRaffle Registration	\$ 30.00
12-Nov	3129	Lori Brothers/Batting	\$ 395.00
20-Nov	3130	Dana Montague/Quilt Labels	\$ 47.20
20-Nov	3131	Marcia Dains/Workshop Copies	\$ 38.00
20-Nov	3132	IFFI Cash	\$ 160.00
20-Nov	3133	Carol Carter/Workshop & Holiday Party Expenses	\$ 175.93
Total Debits			\$ 916.89

Ending Balance 11/30/25	\$ 40,119.15
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Darlene Stump,
Treasurer



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have two new members for 2026. Please welcome Eileen McGinnis and Carla Zuckerman.

We have a total of 108 members to date.

We will be accepting new members for 2026 at every meeting.

Bring the new membership form and money or credit card to the next meeting.

New forms for 2026 are on the website and we will have a few printed out at the meeting. Please fill out and bring it with you.

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 \$20.00 extra.

If you know anyone who would like to join, please bring them to one of our meetings. I think they would enjoy it. We have a great year and lots of fun to come.

If you need to order a name tag, please see Carol Carter at the membership table. The name tags will be handled differently. You will have to pay for the name tag separately; cash is the only way. No credit card for this item. The Cost is \$10.00.

Carol Carter
Membership Chair

Happy Birthday to our Jan Ladies:



Jan 4 - Marcia Dains
Jan 7 - Carol Carter
Jan 11 - Angi Wiggins
Jan 16 - Dana Montaque
Jan 16 - Suzanne Guinn
Jan 20 - Sarah Comstock
Jan 20 - Mari Johnson
Jan 24 - Cici Marquez
Jan 25 - Sherryl Zurek
Jan 30 - Lizete O'Connor





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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Back by popular demand: A new Mystery Quilt will start in January. We will also have blocks for those who do not want to tackle a whole quilt. We will also continue to have 3-yard quilts.

Thank you!

Claire Reeves



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Things to Remember:

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

This Month's Meeting Calendar:

- ❖ **General Meeting: Thursday, Jan 8th**
Meeting starts at 6:50pm
at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church
26440 Bouquet Canyon Rd, Saugus, CA
- ❖ **Business Meeting: Thursday, Jan 15th**
meeting starts at 6:30pm at Penny Kendall-Lawrence's residence.



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