



# Simi Valley Quilt Guild Newsletter

PO Box 940098, Simi Valley, CA 93094-0098

September 2020

## President's Message

Dear Quilt Friends,

Our last meeting was enlightening! I believe that we learned more about each other than we had previously known. We shared projects and inspiration. We saw sewing/creation stations. That was fun! I believe that we had up to 15 friends.

Please consider coming to our next virtual meeting on September 9th at 7:00 PM. I will open the Zoom at 6:50, should anyone have questions about the Zoom. To participate, you can use any device that has access to the internet. Typically, there is a waiting room and the host will let you in. You have the option to share your video or come in with a blank screen. If you play with the settings, you can create a virtual background behind you, too. Noise is an issue at my home, so I typically

Zoom from my front door area as I have dogs that bark and parakeets that squawk. From time to time, the connection gets glitchy, screens will freeze, and a speaker may sound like a robot. If your internet boots you off, you can come back by clicking the link again, and I will let you in from the waiting room. I hope that you will attend our next meeting! You know what they say, "The more the merrier!"

*Living in a Virtual World! Kerri-Jo*

Lynn Slosson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. (But, it's really me!)

Topic: SVQG September 2020 Virtual Meeting

Time: Sep 9, 2020 06:50 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85842335769?pwd=Rmh1a0JPSTFyUW0xRXpCeFNDZWlZZz09>

Meeting ID: 858 4233 5769 ... Passcode: 066867 ... One tap mobile



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- 11 Betsy Acord
- 15 Alexis O'Neill

## Membership

Hello to all members!  
Hope all are staying well!

We have 73 renewed members who will be receiving the updated roster. Watch for it in your e-mail !!

Questions? Give me a call @ 805-304-2805  
*Donna Paschal*

## Executive Board

2020-2021

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I AM REWRITING THIS ARTICLE  
TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO ENTER  
THIS CONTEST.

## Call for Quilts SCCQG 2021 Special Exhibit

### “Sharing Our Quilts”

Road to California Quilters Conference January 21-24, 2021

This new exhibit is all about sharing a recent treasured quilt that you have created. Quilts of all kinds, styles, and techniques are welcome. The quilts can be anything from a traditional pattern to an original design inspired by a time-honored block to a modern-day look.

Entry requirements are as follows (please read carefully):

- The quilt must have been made and finished in 2019/2020 and be in excellent condition.
- There are no size constraints but a wall hanging size is recommended in order to accommodate as many quilts as possible.
- Embellishments must not protrude more than 1/2 “ from the surface of the quilt.
- The quilt must be made with fabric and quilted either by hand, machine or both.
- It must be three layers and be either bound or closed around along all edges.
- An entrant must be a current member of a Member Guild or an Affiliate Member of the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds.

Entry forms must also include a color picture of the quilt with the following information on the back of each photo: title of quilt and your name.

#### Timetable

November 1, 2020

Entry form, pictures, and a self-addressed stamped envelope must be received and postmarked no later than Thursday, November 1, 2020.

December 1, 2020

Notification letters will be mailed by this date. Accepted entries will receive instructions for quilt shipment. Details regarding required sleeve and label will also be included.

January 11-15 , 2021

Accepted quilts must be received by SCCQG for exhibition. Quilts may not arrive before January 13, 2021 nor later than January 17, 2021.

January 21-24, 2021

Quilts will be displayed as part of the SCCQG “Sharing Our Quilts” Special Exhibit at Road to California, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, California.

January 27, 2021 to February 3, 2021

Quilts will be shipped/returned to participants.

Questions may be sent to Stephania Bommarito:  
quiltwizard1024@gmail.com

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### *Sunshine and Shadows*



Please keep Marie Jenkins and her family in your prayers. Marie's Mother, Maria Klein, passed away in early August. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Becky Berg*



I finished the Fat Quarter Shop's Quilt-Along - Jelly Snowflake – using dotted variegated batik jelly roll strips. I love how this Mystery quilt-along came out.

*Lynn Slosson*

# The 10-inch Square Story

by Chris McDonald

A couple of years ago the Creative Cut-Ups spent one of our mini-group meetings cutting 10-inch squares of fabric to use for the game we were going to play at a guild meeting. We cut a great variety of fabric, some very useful such as white-on-white, some rather strange such as skulls with wings on black. And there were a lot. Many came home with me after the meeting.

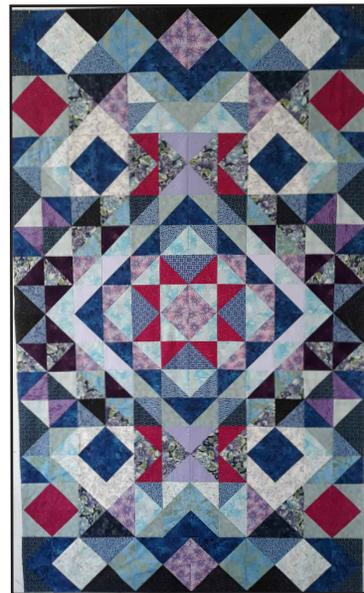
What to do with them? They are not just going into the closet – oh no. We started by separating out as many different brown prints as we could find to make disappearing pinwheel blocks. which we shared in July. #2 was also in the July newsletter.

I made #3. Same block, different setting.



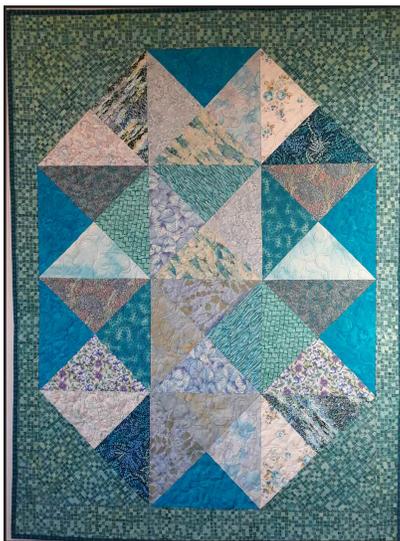
#6 is also made with autumn 10-inch squares using a cutting technique learned in Mike McNamara's "Magic Squares" class that was held at QP. (No template was involved, just cutting.)

From these, I figured out pulling only fabric from that bin of 10-inch squares for a quilt uses them up faster. (Like you didn't know that.)



So, I turned to Karen Brown's "No-Fail Layer Cake Method" found on YouTube. It's more of a strategy than a pattern. I pulled out analogous colors and went for it. #7 is the result.

There are still enough squares in the tub to make another strange-looking quilt or two. What's left are colors and patterns that really don't look too good together. Maybe they can go in the closet to use for class samples. I'd love to teach you all some of these fast blocks.



Some of the turquoise squares were sewn into #4 really quickly. This is the hourglass block made by sewing two 4-patches together face-to-face around the edge, then cutting diagonally to make 4 hourglasses at a time. That one went to Quilts 'n Force.

Still looking for fast methods, I tried the cut-shuffle-sew-cut-shuffle-sew block seen in #5. More squares got used because there was no need for a background fabric or a color theme any more specific than "autumn."



# *Block of the Month for October*

## **Disappearing Four-Patch**

**Makes a finished 12" block**

Choose 2 bright colors. One with a pattern, one complimentary, tone on tone.

Cut two 7" square pieces of each. Arrange in a 4 patch. Sew together.



Place ruler on middle seam at 1&1/4". Cut 1&1/4" away from the center seam in all 4 directions.

Do NOT move the fabric. Turn the mat as you go.



Switch the outside pieces straight across (left with right). Top and bottom. Then turn the center 4-patch 90 degrees left or right.

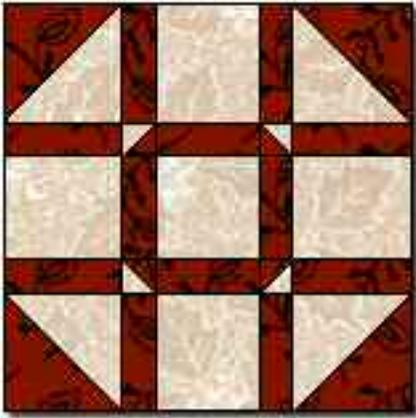


Now sew the 3 rows together across left to right and then top row to middle row to bottom row.

There you have it! Enjoy.

*Phyllis*

# Block of the Month for September



## Table for Four

This block ties in with the social distancing we are all asked to do currently. Only 2 fabrics are used and when you assemble these blocks it takes on a whole new appearance, making its own sashing.

*Phyllis*



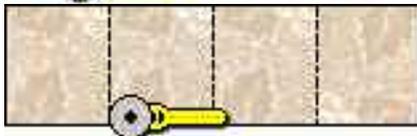
Color 1: Dark reds (not purple, not orange)

one 3" x 16" strip AND one 1-1/2" x 14" strip AND one 4-3/8" x 8-3/4" strip AND one 1-7/8" x 3-3/4" strip



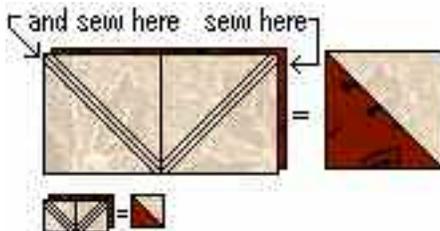
Color 2: Beige or light tan (not white or off white)

one 4" x 14" strip AND one 4-3/8" x 8-3/4" strip AND one 1-7/8" x 3-3/4" strip AND one 3-1/2" square

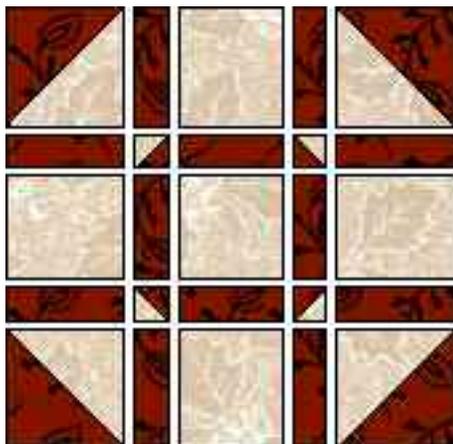


Start by marking and cutting the Color 1 3" x 16" strip into eight 1-1/2" x 4" rectangles, Mark and cut the Color 1 1-1/2" x 14" strip into four 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangles...

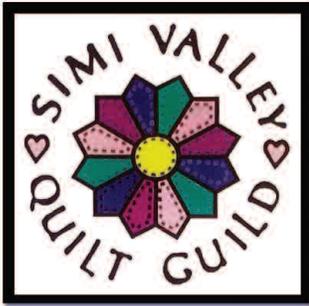
Mark and cut the Color 2 4" x 14" strip into four 3-1/2" x 4" rectangles...



Next speed piece the half squares, by stacking the Color 1 and Color 2 4-3/8" x 8-3/4" strips, right sides together and all edges aligned. On the back of the top strip, lightly mark the 4-3/8" square line and mark the diagonals in the direction shown at left. Now sew 1/4" above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square line. Now cut apart ON the marked diagonals, and on the 4-3/8" square line. This will give you four half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. These should measure 4". Repeat this procedure with the Color 1 and Color 2 1-7/8" x 3-3/4" strips to get four teeny half squares. Those should measure 1-1/2"...



Now piece the block. Row one = large half square, 4" rectangle, Color 2 rectangle, 4" rectangle, large half square. Row two = 4" rectangle, small half square, 3-1/2" rectangle, small half square, 4" rectangle. Row three = Color 2 rectangle, 3-1/2" rectangle, 3-1/2" Color 2 square, 3-1/2" rectangle, Color 2 rectangle. Row four = same as row two. Row five = same as Row one. Press seams in alternating directions by row, then sew the rows together!



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## *Area Quilting Stores*

Quilty Pleasures  
1742 E. Los Angeles Avenue, Ste A  
Simi Valley, CA 93065 805-581-1577

Candy's Quiltworks  
8549 Reseda Blvd.  
Northridge, CA 91324  
818-349-SEWS (7397)

Cotton and Chocolate  
1772 Avenida De Los Arboles, Unit E  
Oak Brook Shopping Center  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
805-241-0061

Baron's (still sells machines)  
22635 Ventura Blvd.  
Woodland Hills, CA 91365  
818-224 2746

Roxanne's, 919 Maple Avenue  
Carpinteria, CA 93013  
805-566-1250

Jo-Ann's Fabrics  
2242 Tapo Street  
Simi Valley, CA 93063 805-522-0434

Jo-Ann's Fabrics  
19819 Rinaldi Street  
Northridge, CA 91326 818-832-6045

Jo-Ann's Fabrics  
1516 Moorpark Rd.  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360  
805-496-2116

Kingdom Sew & Vac  
8923 Reseda Blvd.,  
Northridge, CA 91324 818-993-8933

Kingdom Sewing Center  
1790 E. Los Angeles Avenue  
Simi Valley, CA 93065 805-579-1571

Quilt 'n' Things  
2411 Honolulu Avenue  
Montrose, CA 91020

The Quilt Emporium  
4918 Topanga Canyon Blvd  
Woodland Hills, CA 91364  
818-704-8238

The Fabric Shoppe  
Las Posas Plaza  
642 Las Posas Road  
Camarillo, CA 93010 805-383-7183

FABRIC town U.S.A.  
2686 E. Main Street  
Ventura, CA 93003 805-643-3434

Super Buzzy  
1794 E Main St.  
Ventura, CA 93001 805-643-4143

SVQG is currently meeting  
digitally on the second  
Wednesday of the month.  
You should be receiving a  
digital meeting e-mail which  
includes Show and Tell quilts  
which members have  
submitted.