



Simi Valley Quilt Guild Newsletter

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December 2020

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President's Message

Dear Friends in Fabric,

It's almost here! 2021 with all the hope and promise that 2020 had! Maybe 2020 wasn't all that bad. New traditions have been or will be started.

"Thanksgiving" has reminded us, young and old, what it truly means to be thankful. We have learned how to appreciate each other after days and days and days of togetherness.

But, this year has also had its distractions and disruptions in routines. I have acquired more UFO's this year than during any other year! This was supposed to be my year for finishing projects. That was my 2020 Resolution. In one week, I have created two UFO's. Here's how it all began. After years of genealogy research, I decided to research textiles because I like anything that uses a threaded needle.

So, I embarked on a journey of Norwegian embroidery. Recently, I began a kit that someone else had started, but had started it with the wrong count. After taking out their work, I began with the correct count, but stress, due to the passing of our 17 year-old cat, took over and my project no longer has the symmetry that seems to come with most Norwegian embroidery.

Okay, put the cross stitch away for now and work on a Norweave project. No matter the kit, Norweave takes a lot of stitching and ripping in the beginning. Well, I blew it! Each count is three stitches, not two. Ughhhhh! Fine! I will work on stamped cross stitch. What could possibly go wrong?

I have never considered myself to be good at machine quilting, so I don't. Honestly, I don't have the patience for it or for myself! I'm in awe of the machine quilted work that has been shared by quilters who perform their own stunts.

I'm also in awe of the machine embroidered quilt work that has been shared. I would like to try that! I have an old Singer 319K that just might be up for the task. Perhaps learning machine embroidery could be my 2021 New Year's Resolution. Or, perhaps, completing the peach and blue school house quilt top that I began way back in the 80's could be my New Year's Resolution. Hmmm, we'll see.

Have a wonderful holiday season!
Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas!
Happy Kwanza!

Kerri-Jo Hansen



Lynn Slosson and I are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SVQG December 2020 Meeting

Time: Wednesday, December 9, 2020
at 7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87677882857?pwd=RjNnT0FFVVFUdTBhWEZDOF dDcGVNUT09>

Meeting ID: 876 7788 2857

Passcode: 163239

November Meeting Report

Becky Goldsmith Zoomed in from Texas. She is the remaining partner in Piece of Cake Designs. Her talk was based on her book "The Quilters' Practical Guide to Color" assuring us that "you can learn how to use color and be confident."

For inspiration: be observant of how people's choices of clothing work together in groups; look down at patterns on the floor/ground; look at Instagram; examine how nature uses color; consult books about color. Also, use the app Adobe Capture to generate palettes and shapes from your pictures. Many resources are available on-line on her website, Youtube, blog and newsletter. She has links to many color sites on the blog. Beware – set a timer and learn how to take a screen shot before getting pulled into the internet. Of course, quilts are also inspiring. The takeaway is "Make what makes you happy".

Putting Colors Together: use a color wheel and remember that contrast is what makes a pattern visible. Greyed colors go in the background, clearer colors bring the design forward. Organize rainbow color schemes by imposing order.

How to apply to a quilt: Take the color out of the picture or pattern you are working with. Choose the background color first, then pull your favorite color fabric for that pattern and stretch into the color scheme from there.

Becky gave a show & tell of her quilts. She also told us about creativespark.ctpub.com which is a new on-line teaching platform where she has some free lessons as well as subscription classes.

Chris McDonald



Future Meeting Schedule

zoom meetings until further notice

December Meeting

Business meeting at 7:00.

We are having a modified holiday party. We are lucky to have 2 local shops each present a small project and then showcase their shops.

Cotton and chocolate will be at 7:20 and Quilt Emporium at 7:50.

Chris will be showing pictures of the Round Robin challenge from earlier in the year. Lots of beautiful projects will be shown.

Show and tell will complete the evening. Please submit pictures to Lynn.

January - **Jen Kingwell**, outside Sydney, Australia. She is a hand piecer and quilter. She is known for her very very intricate piecing. Her most well known quilts are *Gypsy Wife* and *Small World*. She has been featured with a BOM in QuiltMania in 2019.

www.jenkingwelldesigns.com

February - **Rachel Daisy** from the Blue Mountains of Australia. She is known for her wild colored quilts and even brighter clothing. She has won international major awards for her amazing quilt *Whiz Bang*.

Check out. www.bluemountaindaisy.blogspot.com

March - Challenge reveal

April - hopefully Quilts n Force

May - local speaker, zoom or live

June - local speaker, zoom or live

Sue Singer

Jan Krentz Workshop

The San Fernando Valley Quilt Association is having a virtual workshop on ZOOM with Jan Krentz on December 13, 2020 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The workshop will be on making the **Quick Broken Star** without Y seams. They have several spots open and would love to have you in the workshop.



The cost for the class is \$40.00 and you supply your own fabric. You can pay by credit card or send a check to Debi Drake. Please give Debi a call at 805-501-1232 if you are interested in the workshop so you will be put on the list.

Quilt Challenge 2021

Since we cannot meet to distribute crayons or fabric, the challenge this year is a 'do it yourself' method of randomizing inclusions. So here it is:

Size: Make a quilt that is at least 18"x18" (does not have to be square, but no side should measure LESS than 18"), and no more than 24"x24" (again does not have to be square, but no side should measure MORE than 24") (could be 18"x24", 20"x24" and so forth).

You must include the following in your quilt:

1. At least one 'ugly fabric' – something from your stash that you just can't bring yourself to use because it's a WITHWIT (a "What In The Heck Was I Thinking' purchase, or maybe even a gift) that is so ugly you just haven't been able to bring yourself to use it... Doesn't have to be a big piece, but must use at least a 1" recognizable square of that fabric. Please include a recognizable piece of your ugly fabric on the back with your label as well.

2. You must also include the following in your quilt: Your birth-month stone AND your birth-month flower, either as images or color inspiration, or any other way you can think to use them... however you must use them as inspiration for some part of the quilt. For example if your birthday is in April, you could embellish with a 'diamond' button, or you could use white fabric (for the diamond) and yellow (for the daisy centers) or include a daisy print fabric. Here is a list of all the birth-month stones and flowers:

January	Garnet	Carnation or Snowdrop
February	Amethyst	Violet or Primrose
March	Bloodstone or Aquamarine	Jonquil or Daffodil
April	Diamond	Sweet Pea or Daisy
May	Emerald	Lily of the Valley or Hawthorne
June	Pearl or Alexandrite	Rose or Honeysuckle
July	Ruby	Larkspur or Water Lily
August	Sardonyx or Peridot	Poppy or Gladiolus
September	Sapphire	Aster or Morning Glory
October	Opal or Tourmaline	Calendula or Cosmos
November	Topaz	Chrysanthemum
December	Turquoise or Zircon	Narcissus or Holly

Methods of Construction: You are free to use whatever construction or quilting methods work best for your creation (i.e., machine piece, hand piece, paper piece, applique, etc.). Your creation can be as complicated or as simple as you like. You don't have to step out of your comfort zone if you want to use a purchased pattern or a simple block pattern. Everyone can play. But don't feel stressed, this is for fun.

Due Date: no later than March 1

All entries must be complete – layered, quilted and bound – or with some other kind of finished edge.

You will photograph your completed entry as well as a piece of your "ugly" fabric, so that it can be found and identified in the quilt.

Submit the 2 pictures with any description you would like to have posted with your entry. This description may not reveal any information about you which would reveal who you are. There will be voting by the members who attend the March meeting when your quilt will be shared.

Send your entry to me at
quiltabeast@roadrunner.com

and to Lynn Slosson at enssnapple@aol.com

Anne Sidell



Creative Cutups

The mini-group met with well-spaced chairs and masks to share their blue and white blocks on Saturday, November 21 at the Santa Susana Park.

Block of the Month

It has been suggested that the block of the month be presented by members who have designed blocks which they are willing to share with other members who might like to try them out.

Please send a picture of your creation with instructions to smountford@socal.rr.com.

Treasurer's Report Third Quarter

Balance in Savings Acct:	\$18,138.92
Beginning Balance in Checking Acct:	\$ 9,502.94
Income:	
Membership Dues:	\$ 695.00
Retreat refunds:	\$ 1,000.00
Opportunity Quilt Auction Income:	\$ 565.00
Monthly Raffle Quilts:	\$ 0.00
Interest:	\$ 0.45
Other Income:	\$ 20.71
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 2,281.16
Expenses:	
Guild Operations:	\$ 353.28
Membership exp:	\$ 10.73
Guild Meetings:	\$ 44.97
EXPENSE TOTAL:	\$ 408.98
ENDING BALANCE:	\$29,514.04



Sunshine and Shadows

Please keep Judy Ragan in your thoughts. She spent a few days in the hospital and is now recovering at home.

Becky Berg

South Bay Quilters Guild 2021 Virtual Quilt Show

"Welcome to our Home"

February 10-14, 2021

**Opportunity Quilt
"Quilters Village"
Drawing Feb 14th 4pm
On Zoom**



73" x 81"

South Bay Quilters Guild

c/o 15011 Fonthill Ave.

Hawthorne, CA 90250

Virtual Quilt Show (no entry fee!)

Quilt Exhibits (Featured Quilter Pat Bryan & quilts from our talented members)

Quilts for Sale, including our usual auction quilts (Check website for details/dates)

Online Vendor Mall

Opportunity Quilt Tickets on sale through
February 1

For tickets Email: susancgibbs@verizon.net

Check our website

<http://qs.southbayquiltersguild.org>

More info: www.southbayquiltersguild.org

Quilts 'N Force Update

A thank you note from one of our quilt recipients.

Dear Quilters,
My husband and I lost our home in the CZU Lightning Fire in August and have been staying in a tiny home in Santa Cruz ever since. On Saturday we visited the Santa Cruz Orange Hall and picked out a beautiful "flying geese" quilt made by your guild and donated to fire victims. It is truly a beautiful work of art and we are so appreciative. You've brought a bright spot to our lives.
Sincerely, Tachei and Paul Sacco

Thank you to all you quilt donors!

Cheri Miller

Alex Anderson Workshop



The San Fernando Valley Quilt Association (SFVQA) has invited us to take a virtual workshop with Alex Anderson on ZOOM. The workshop project is "Fancy Faces" coming next year, January 10, 2021. The workshop will start at 1:00 pm and end at 4 pm. The cost for the class is \$40.00 and a supply list will be e-mailed to you upon payment. Please give Debi Drake a call at 805-501-1232, if you are interested in the workshop, so you will be put on the list. Space is very limited.

Join my virtual Fun Fantasy Face class and learn to use simple shapes (like Mr. Potato Head) and basic machine stitching to create a self-portrait reflecting your lighthearted side.

Alex Anderson!

We donated 17 baby quilts and 18 tote bags to Newborns In Need. The tote bags were donated by Laurie Maas' group and these are going to be used as diaper bags. Pictures of the quilts and tote bags are available in our SVQG Facebook Group.

These are the FaceBook groups for fire survivors up north that I mentioned in the Zoom call.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/czufirequilts> - A housewarming & heartwarming project gifting personal sized quilts to fire survivors from the CZU Lightning complex Fires in Santa Cruz County.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/happinesswarmquilt> - Quilt Donation Drive for Sonoma & Napa fire survivors

From Helen Klee:

Cheri, I have to tell you. We had our Give Away event on Friday and Saturday (yesterday). I had your two boxes by my back door unopened. I decided to take them with me to the Give Away just in case we had time to measure, log and tag all your quilts—well we did and when we put them on the tables, they were picked up quickly!!!!

Here is a link of how we set up the tables to meet Covid-19 social distancing.

<https://www.facebook.com/AGroffTV/videos/974919686319631>

Thank you so much for giving our fire survivors an opportunity to heal their hearts from their losses with your gift of so many lovely quilts!!!



- 2 Tamara Rihel
- 6 Judy Ragan
Joan Sergey
- 11 Carol Hawk
- 18 Becky McBride
- 22 Janet Lythans
- 27 Donna Paschal
- 29 Marianne Blevins

Classifieds

About this page

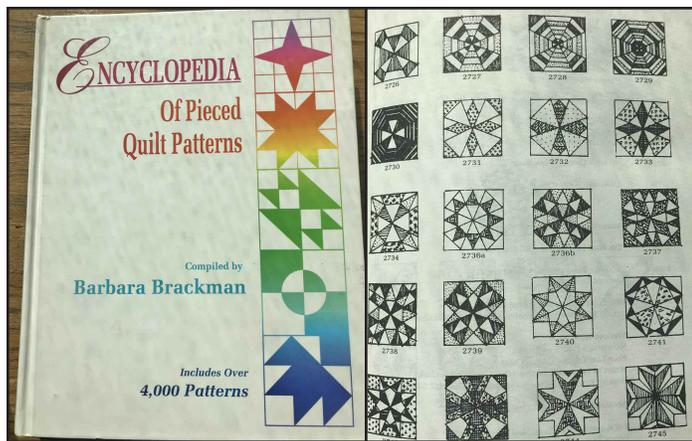
This is the first Classified page for us.

These are the three items submitted for this newsletter. If you have items or services you would like to tell us about, please send the information to smountford@socal.rr.com.

Free to a good home

I have another similar reference book, and do not need two of them.

Lynn Slosson...enssnapple@aol.com



Embroidery Machine

My sister-in-law is buying a new machine. She is offering this older model to a new home.



Brother Pacesetter ULT2002D Embroidery machine was purchased late 2005.

Brand new power cord and foot pedal when serviced/cleaned

Not used since the service, been in storage.

Please contact Silvana Temple.

silvanatemple@gmail.com

cell phone # 949-798-9538

Liquidating My Quilt Collection

My own creations, 15+ quilts, various sizes and fabrics – cotton, silk and linen. Some you have seen at SVQG Show and Tell. Call/email for detail photos and pricing.

Georganna Hawley, 806-760-3175

finishing.touches!@yahoo.com



Open Letter to SVQG

Dear Fellow Quilters in Hiding – you know who you are. I miss you. The Zoom meetings are missing you.

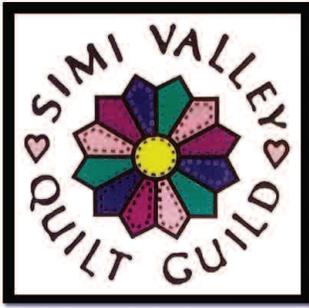
Zoom isn't as great as seeing you in person and yet it offers some benefits. First of all, I don't have to drive anywhere at night. Also, with the cameras being close up on each person (except Gil), I can actually see faces clearly – lots at one time. I get to interact with anyone I want to without having to walk across the room. And, maybe this is nosy of me, but I like getting a glimpse of other people's houses/quilt rooms, also meeting the pets.

The down side is having to provide my own snacks – or maybe that is an up side because now I don't get tempted by the treats. I miss the free table and opportunity stuff, but that may be better with the Classifieds column in the newsletter.

The hardest part of it all is remembering to seclude myself with my laptop at the scheduled time – no distractions. I'm keeping a regular reminder on my calendar, but I don't usually think enough ahead of time to get all set up, hair combed, drink at hand and have a hand-work project ready. But that's ok; I can just pop up to get what I forgot.

Please don't forget to join us the second Wednesday evening of each month. Sue has programs planned that you will enjoy. And I'd really like to see you.

Sincerely,
Chris McDonald



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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
380 Thousand Oaks Blvd,
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
(805) 371-3042

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 having
Zoom meetings on the second
Wednesday of the month at
7:00 pm. An exciting array of
guest speakers has been
planned for the upcoming
meetings. Be sure to join us!