



## SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD

*NEXT MEETING JUNE 13, 2019*

WE MEET THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH • 7 PM  
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Quilters,

I don't know about you but I'm ready for the rain to end. I can't believe that it's Memorial Weekend and we are dodging rain!

The results of the survey are in. Thank you for your input. If you didn't complete the questionnaire there is still time. We need your suggestions so that the guild can meet your needs.

We appreciate all comments both good and bad. Remember this is a volunteer organization. If you think there are better ways to do things please feel free to volunteer to help do it. The best way to get something to change is to volunteer to do it. We have several jobs that could use your help and input.

When more people help, every-one has less work and can concentrate on their quilting fun. Enough of my monthly plea for help.

If you haven't got your passport for the studio tour don't forget to get one at the meeting. The tour is a great way to get ideas on how to set up your creative space. I know you'll enjoy seeing how some of our fellow quilters organize their spaces. Carpool with a buddy, explore, go to lunch just enjoy the day. You deserve a day of fun. I'm sorry that I will miss it this year but I'll be on vacation in Alaska (I know poor me!).

It's also challenge quilt time - Have you finished yours yet? What a great idea interpreting a song in a quilt. I look forward to seeing the pictures of your quilts.

June is a busy month for many of us. Don't forget to stop and take a little time for yourself.

See you all in July.

Sandy Gaines

## **BOOK & FABRIC – Paula Welch & Jane Harmon**

The lucky winners of our Book and Fabric raffle in May were:

Fabric – **Jennifer Davey**

Fabric – **Carol Peverill**

Book: **Shoshanna Stern**

Fabric items were generously donated by one of our guild member.



## **PROGRAMS - Gerri Fisher**

Special thanks to Carmen Burger, Michelle Carlson, Sandy Gaines, Kim Killian, John Lilly, and Teresa Orr for a lively discussion and answering our questions on longarm quilting. The handout on “How to Prepare your Quilt for the Longarmer” by Sandy Gaines is published here in the newsletter and on our website in case you want a copy.

### **Challenges- “At the Hop”**

At our June meeting, we will vote for the best quilts and award cash prizes.

### **Challenges- “Guild Patriotic Trunk Show”**

At the July meeting, bring a patriotic quilt you have made or make a new one. We will be voting for the best quilt and award cash prizes. Come early so we have time to hang them and to enjoy food and comradery. We will vote at the June meeting whether to have A) tri-tip from the Board and pot luck salad, beans, casseroles and sides or B) ice cream for a social.

Upcoming programs include:

August – “How to Piece Faster” by Teresa Orr. The lumber yard system, Chain Piecing, and other tips.

## DOTTIE'S FINDINGS – Dottie Daybell

2019-June Findings

1. Gwen Marston passed away in mid-April. I was lucky to have taken several classes from her. I love the way her style evolved over the years, and she kept influencing us. Here are two interviews, the first from 2007, the second from 2018:

<https://quiltalliance.org/portfolio/qsos-with-gwen-marston/>

<https://www.quiltfolk.com/wp-content/uploads/gwen.pdf>

2. QOV BOM This simple pattern uses two sizes of HSTs. I'm going to be lazy and leave the block size and layout up to you! An 8" block would use 4" finished HSTs, 2" finished HSTs and 2" squares. A 12" block would change those numbers to 6" and 3" finished.

<https://blog.maryquilts.com/2018/10/11/fox-and-geese/>

3. Southern California quilter Cathy Perlmutter went fabric shopping in Paris. If you'll be in Paris someday, be sure to also follow her link to the article she wishes she'd seen before she went:

<http://gefилtequilt.blogspot.com/2019/04/fabric-shopping-and-food-eating-in.html>

4. These bloggers report on the SAQA conference in San Jose. Mel Beach's icebreaker might be an idea for a guild program. Wonder if she'd share her notes on the topics, or the responses?

<https://pieceloveandhappiness.blogspot.com/2019/05/san-jose-saqa-annual-conference.html>

<https://catherineredford.com/2019-saqa-conference-threads-of-innovation/>

<https://quiltskipper.com/2019/05/saqa-conference-2019-part-1/>

<https://quiltskipper.com/2019/05/saqa-conference-2019-part-2/>

5. Miss T from France attended PAF 2019 in Nantes. (PAF = Pour l'Amour du Fil, a show with many kinds of needlework.) She has posted several times with photos from the show. Start here:

<http://misst.canalblog.com/archives/2019/04/26/37286818.html>

Use Google Translate if you like. To find her photos from the exhibits, look for "PAF 2019" under "Derniers Messages" (Latest Posts) in the right-hand column. If the posts are no longer listed under Derniers, scroll down to Archives and look under "Avril 2019" and "Mai 2019".

## MEMBERSHIP – Sharon Pryor

The addendum to the directory will be available at the membership table during the June meeting. This includes all members who joined or renewed their membership after the directory was printed last November. There are still some membership cards that have not been picked up yet, so if you don't have yours please stop by the membership table.

If you are not receiving the e-mail for the monthly newsletter, please let membership know. Also, please advise us of any changes to your e-mail, address or phone number so that we may keep our membership directory updated.

**WELCOME** - We have 5 new members who joined the guild in May: **Carol Peverill, Charline Dervishian, Lynda Martin, Debbie Keldrauk and Carol Shintani.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - wishes for a Happy Birthday go out to the following June Birthdays

**Sharon Carter**

**Fanchon Owen**

**Diane Painter**

**Diane Sakamoto**

**Alberta Schlundt**

**Julia Smith**

**Edna Wright**

*~ What I make with my hands, I give of my heart ~*

### Don't Miss it!

~~~~ **QUILT STUDIO TOUR – Mary Kay Wolfe** ~~~~

**“Come On Over To My House” Quilt Studio Tour on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 3:00pm**

Plan a fun morning/afternoon to tour some special studios where these members of our guild create their quilts. There is a variety of studios for you to see, which include small to large. See where these quilters make the magic happen. Take away some new ideas to make your special place more magical. Two of our local shops are also in the tour. **D & J Sewing** will have 10% discount for all holders of the passport. **Authorized Vac and Sew** will have free goodie bags for each passport holder. They are also donating a Grand Prize bag with will include \$100 gift certificate. You will be entered in the drawing by getting each studio and quilt shop to stamp your passport. So, join in the fun and even if you are not available that day, this is an opportunity for you to support your guild by purchasing a fun wallet that holds the studio tour passport. These will be on sale at the next meeting for \$10.00.

## Houston International Quilt Festival 2019

### Carol Smith/Travel Shoppe

The Guild is providing the following information as a service to our members. Note revised prices.

“Come join us at the largest quilt show in the US, featuring over 1,000 vendors, more than 1600 quilts and textile works of art on display, and 550 classes and lectures for all skill levels. Carol Smith / Travel Shoppe is organizing a trip. We will depart Fresno on Wed., Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and have 4 nights to enjoy this amazing expo, returning to Fresno on Sun., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our rooms are at the Marriott Marquis, which is conveniently connected to the Convention Center via a Skywalk. The complete package price (air from Fresno and hotel) is \$1285.00 per person, with 2 per room. A non-refundable deposit of \$350.00 will secure your place. An additional non-refundable \$450 is due no later than 7/31. Final payment is due by 9/20. Carol will hold a wait-list in case of cancellations, or can book extra flights and hotel rooms as the need arises. Don't miss out! This will be great!!  
 Carol Smith: 559-824-2168, [carol@shoppetravel.com](mailto:carol@shoppetravel.com)

### SJVQG FINANCIAL STATUS– Beverly Kuykendall NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

|                   | <u>April</u>  | <u>FYTD</u><br><u>9/18-8/19</u> | <u>Full Year</u><br><u>Budget</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| INCOME            | \$ 952.45     | \$18,812.22                     | \$15,100                          |
| EXPENSES          | \$ 2,648.00   | \$21,113.34                     | \$17,321                          |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$( 1,695.55) | \$ (2,301.12)                   | (\$3,625)                         |



## COMFORT QUILT NEWS – Susan Schara

“How can I participate in our guild’s donation program?” you ask. Well, let’s see....You could bring fabric to replenish our stash, like **Betty Baxter** and **Betty Rose**. You could spend some time up to your elbows in fabric, organizing the stash, like **Bev Kuykendall**. You could make quilt tops, like **Carol Mills-Henry** and **Lois Light**. You could donate kits of top, back, and binding, like **Betty Baxter**, or donate domestic machine quilting (**Sue Costello, Pat Baker**) or long arm quilting (**Kim Killian**). You might prefer to make quilts independently, like **Carol Shervem, Connor Hightower, and Sue Vildosola**. A popular choice is to do everything except apply the binding, leaving it to **Fanchon Owen, Irene Allen, and Cyndy Smith** to do that part. See? There are lots of ways to support Comfort Quilts—all you have to do is choose your favorite quilt-related activity, and do it.

**Remember Nancy’s Rule:** Make a quilt for yourself, then one for the guild, then one for yourself, then one for the guild...Your fellow guild members will thank you, and so will our recipient agencies.

Thanks are in order for **Chris Chapman**, who has used her professional connections to order batting for the guild at a very good price. She has provided us with excellent quality batting while being kind to our budget. Thank you, Chris, for your very active support of Comfort Quilts.

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Michele Carlson & Jennifer Davey

If you haven’t seen our fresh take on block of the month you will want to stop by the Block of the Month table in May. We have planned the full year of blocks (12 blocks) to fit together to create a sampler quilt. Each block offers a different technique: piecing, couching, applique and so much more. You may purchase all of the Block of the Month patterns at once and sew ahead or pick one up each month.

Each month you create the block with the supplied fabric and bring the finished block back to guild meeting the following month. The members that return blocks will be in the running to win ALL of the finished blocks returned by fellow guild members!

Visit us for all the details on turning Block of the Month skills into your own sampler. See you on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Pattern to turn in for June



PLEATED SPOOL

July Block of the Month



STRING PIECED HEARTS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF QUILT GUILDS**  
**Call for Quilts**  
**Challenge 2020: Honoring Road to California**

Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds is accepting entries for an exhibit at Road to California, January 23 - 26, 2020. Exhibit entries are limited to SCCQG members of Member Guilds or Affiliate Members only.

Road to California is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020. You are challenged to create a quilt that is inspired by this wonderful quilt festival and features a technique that was learned in a Road to California workshop or uses a pattern/book and/or fabric purchased from a vendor at Road to California during the years 1995 – 2019.

The challenge quilts must be made during 2019. They must also be created by the exhibitor but may be quilted by another person.

Entry requirements are as follows (please read carefully):

- The entry must have been made and finished in 2019 and be in excellent condition.
- Entry forms are available at [www.sccqg.org](http://www.sccqg.org)
- The entry form must be filled out completely and must be postmarked by November 1, 2019.
- Entry forms must include a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope.
- Entry forms must also include two 4"x6" (only) color pictures (both the full quilt and a detailed close-up) with the following information on the back of each photo: title of quilt and your name.
- Questions may be emailed to [quiltwizard1024@gmail.com](mailto:quiltwizard1024@gmail.com)

**Quilt Dimensions (W) 32" X (H) 36":** All quilts must be of the exact dimensions.

*Your quilt needs to have a four-inch sleeve attached to the top back of the quilt. A label must be on the lower right corner backside of your quilt that includes the name of the quilt, your name, and address.*

**Entries missing any of the above will be eliminated from consideration.**

**Time Table**

**November 1, 2019**

Entry form, pictures, self-addressed stamped envelope must be received or postmarked no later than Thursday, November 1, 2019. Photographs will not be returned for any of the entries.

**December 1, 2019**

Notification letters will be mailed by this date. Accepted entries will receive instructions for quilt shipment.

**January 13, 2019**

Accepted quilts must be received by Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds for exhibition. Quilts may not arrive before January 13, 2020 nor later than January 17, 2020.

**January 23-26, 2019**

Quilts will be displayed as part of the **Honoring Road to California Quilt Exhibit** at Road to California, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, California.

**January 29, 2019 to February 1, 2020**

Quilts will be shipped/returned to participants.

## May 2019 SJVQG Membership Questionnaire Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the member interest questionnaire at the May guild meeting. Your comments and suggestions were truly appreciated.

A brief summary of the results is as follows:

- A total of 16 members turned in questionnaires at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Half of those who responded have served on one or more of the guild committees.
- 15 questionnaires provided suggestions for future guild meetings, including:
  - Obtaining speakers from outside our guild membership
  - Presentation of “trunk shows”
  - Scheduling potlucks and/or offering more food options
  - No more video presentations
  - Presentation of applique techniques
  - Instruction on beginning and advanced techniques for various quilt patterns
  - Information regarding “string quilting”
  - Planning a guild meeting yard sale
  - Organizing a guild meeting fabric exchange
  - Providing members with name tags
  - Identifying new members with special name tags
- Overall, the current meeting day and time were preferred.
- Statements regarding importance of members being welcoming and friendly to all attending the guild meetings, especially guests and new members.

The Board has already reviewed these suggestions and efforts are being made to initiate changes in upcoming meetings and programs. If you were unable to complete your questionnaire at the meeting, please submit it now on the members area of our website, or print it there and bring it or mail it to the address below. We welcome any additional suggestions or comments. Also, if you know of speakers you would like to hear present at our Guild, please let Gerri Fisher know. Planning for next year’s speakers is beginning now.

Thank you again to all who participated.

Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-President  
Mail questionnaires to John Lilly, Vice President at  
11457 E San Ramon Ave, Clovis, CA 93619



# Longarm Quilting

There are several questions you need to ask yourself before selecting a longarm quilter to do your quilt.

- How do you want your quilt quilted?  
All over pattern?  
Custom pattern?
- How much quilting do
- What type of thread?
- What type of batting do you want used?
- What type of backing will you be using?

After you have answered these questions, the next thing you should do is ask others quilters for their quilts for recommendations. Ask to see some of the work that their quilter has done. Keep in mind that the quality of the piecing affects the final quilt, your quilter can't work miracles, but they can try and minimize some of the flaws.

Next you should contact the longarm quilter and ask more questions.

Sample of questions to ask:

- Can I see samples of your work?
- Do you have references I can contact?
- What size of quilt can you do?
- Can you do custom quilting or just all over patterns?
- Do I have input on what pattern is used for the quilting?
- You should let your quilter know what you like as well as dislike.  
(ie: hate hearts and bugs, love flowers. etc.)
- How long will it take to get my quilt back?
- What type of batting or thread do you use?
- Who provides the batting and/or thread?
- (Some quilters prefer the batting on the roll and buy it in bulk)
- What do you charge, how and when do you want to be paid?
- How much larger should the batting and backing be than the quilt?
- (some quilters like an additional 3 to 4 inches on all sides  
ie: if the quilt is 60 X 80, the backing should 68 X 88)
- You may want to ask about smoking or pets in the quilting area.
- What do you charge for edge to edge vs. custom quilting?
- Do you have a minimum charge?

After you have selected your quilter you should follow her instructions on delivery of the quilt top: who is providing the batting and thread, the size of the backing and batting?

# Quilt top Preparation

Before delivering the quilt, you should remove any excess thread ends.

Press your quilt top and back.

It is very important that your quilt top and backing are square. The quilt is attached to a straight header and an uneven quilt top or backing will affect the whole quilt.

- Measure the quilt top across the top and across the bottom, this measurement should match.
- Measure across the left side then measure across the right side, this measurement should match also.

Occasionally when a quilt top is received by the quilter there are areas where there are holes caused when the fabric was not caught in the seam. Once the quilt top is on the machine it is difficult to fix. In some instances this can be corrected by hand stitching, but this is not always possible. The best solution for this is to double check all your seams.

Any embellishments should be done after the quilting is completed. Beads and buttons may be impossible to avoid and can play havoc on needles.

Identify the top of your quilt in some way (ie: pin a piece of paper to the top edge).

## Backing Preparation

Sheets do not make acceptable quilt backs. You will not be happy with the results.

Your quilter will ask for 3 to 4 extra inches of batting and backing all around the quilt top. It is possible that the backing will shrink in with the quilting and the top to stretch a little.

The extra fabric and batting provide a safety net for you as well as your quilter.

Press your quilt back.

If you have to seam your backing:

- The seams should go across the backing and not from top to bottom.
- Remove selvages from backing fabric.
- Use a 1/2 -inch seam allowance.
- Press seams open.

Do not pin layers together. Each piece should be separate.

The most difficult quilt tops to work with are the ones where there is inaccurate piecing, uneven edges and lots of extra thread hanging from it. This makes your longarm quilter's work harder and the finished quilt may not be what you expected.

We want our quilter makers to be proud of their quilts and as longarm quilters: we want our clients to be proud of what we do for them.

The best advice I can give anyone who is considering using a longarm quilter is to plan ahead, have an idea as to what you want so both you and your quilter have enough time to create a quilt you will both be proud of.

**Member Interest Questionnaire**  
San Joaquin Valley Quilters' Guild

What would you like to see more of at Guild meetings?

What challenges would you like to see addressed in future programs?

If you are experienced at something of value to others in the Guild, would you be willing to teach in a small group?      In a 40-minute class?      In a regular meeting of the Guild?

What skills would you like to share?

Would you like to spend more time at meetings eating good food?    Pot luck dinner?    Finger food?

Would you like to meet earlier than 7 PM and have food afterward?

Would you like to meet on Saturdays?      What time?      What other day and time?

What committees have you served on in this or other quilting guilds?

What committee(s) interest you most or would you like to put in your two cents?

What would you want other quilters to think about our Guild, especially compared to their own guild?

If you were a visitor to our Guild, what would you want to experience?

You may remain anonymous, but we'd love to know you better.

Name:

Phone:

Thank you!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2019

- Now - Through June 29<sup>th</sup> – **Heritage Quilters Guild Quilt display.** Showing at Mennonite Quilt Center, 1012 G Street, Reedley M-F 9-4pm, Sat 9-3pm
- Jun 13 **SJVQG Meeting**, 7pm, open at 6pm for social time, raffle and BOM tables  
Let's Go to the Hop Quilt Challenge
- Jun 15 **Studio Tour, 10am-3pm** - Buy your tickets at the Guild meeting - \$10.
- Jun 20. **SJVQG Board/Business Meeting**, 6:30 p.m at 5454 E Montecito Ave, Fresno 93727
- Jun 29-30 **Seven Sisters Quilt Show**, Alex Madonna Expo Center, San Luis Obispo, CA. 9-5/9-4  
\$10 2-day pass, <http://sevensistersquiltshow.org>
- Jul 11 **SJVQG Meeting**, 7pm, open at 6pm, for social time, raffle & BOM tables.  
Patriotic Quilt Trunk show and social – Members to bring any patriotic quilts they made.
- Jul 18 **SJVQG Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, 5454 E Montecito Ave, Fresno 93727
- Sep 20-21. **Kings River Quilt Show**, 9-5pm/9-3pm, Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church,  
1326 L Street, Reedley, CA

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES, ADVERTISEMENTS, MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS

This is your newsletter. If you have any information or news of interest to fellow quilters, articles or ads you want to share with our members, please submit them to the editor **on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month.** Make sure you look at our advertisement section. An ad can change monthly letting you know if one of our advertisers is having an upcoming event.

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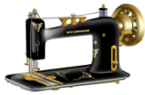



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Lee Goldberg shared a photo to the group: Up-Cycled Cloth Collective.

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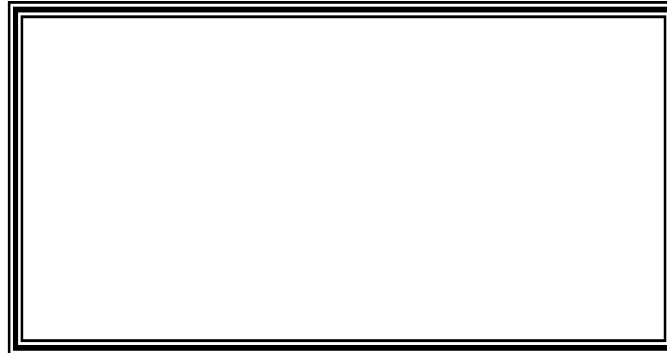


StudioKat Designs March 1, 2015 at 5:30 PM ·



Now HERE's and interesting way to file your fabric, no? Do you think this might work for you?

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### **Checklist for June 13th**

- ✓ Name Tag
- ✓ Turn off cell phone
- ✓ Completed Block of the Month blocks
- ✓ Show-n-Tell Items
- ✓ Bring Comfort Quilts, Pillowcases
- ✓ Snacks, finger-foods
- ✓ \$ for Studio Tour ticket
- ✓ Challenge Quilts