



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2019

WE MEET THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH • 7 PM
AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH • 364 E BARSTOW AVE • FRESNO, CA
(NW CORNER OF FRESNO ST AND BARSTOW AVE)
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM, TABLES OPEN AT 6:30 PM, MEETING AT 7 PM
COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy holidays, whatever your flavor! Quilts are made of love, we celebrate love at this time of year and our world could use a healthy dose of love just now. One way we will exhibit that love will be the next Guild meeting. Members will bring varied artforms expressing holiday experience from different perspectives. No rules, just creativity. We will share soup, salad and dessert and friendship, fun and games.

Our Meet & Greet at **Joanie Martin's** home was a great success with new members sharing their ideas and goals with experienced members and finding new alliances to support their quilting. Joanie's quilts and refreshments were legendary.

In addition to committee openings which will be described in a flyer at each table at the next general meeting, we have openings for members on the By-Laws Committee to suggest changes to our policies and procedures. Contact any Board member to discuss your interests and questions. Without leadership in these areas, there will be no results or benefits.

I mention again our suggestion box, present on the Membership table at each meeting, where you may place any suggestions or complaints you wish to communicate to your Board. We encourage everyone to make a creative name tag that lists their favorite quilting skill so others may find solutions or kindred spirits. Each month you wear your nametag you'll be entered in a drawing.

Thank you and enjoy!

John Lilly
sjvqg1@gmail.com

BOOK & FABRIC – Sue Costello & Carol Shervem

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

Pat Baker – Quilting socks and patch

Mary Cheung – 4 ½ yard fabric cuts

Pauline – 6 fat quarters

PROGRAMS – Diana Gardner

The November program “Quilt from our Heritage” presented by Quilters from the Soul, **Sharon Carter, Wanda Carter** and **Jimi Rogers** was enjoyed by all! Thank you ladies for a wonderful trunk show!

DECEMBER PROGRAM - ENJOYING THE SEASON - QUILTERS’ STYLE

The December program will include a Holiday Quilt Challenge, a Soup Tasting light supper, and a Mystery Social Hour.

Soup Tasting

The soups will be prepared by several members who have some yummy recipes for our enjoyment. Salads will be prepared by members with last names beginning with the letters A-L and desserts will be provided by members with last names M-Z. If you have any questions, please send an email to **Diana Gardner** at dianalou93711@gmail.com.

Holiday Quilt Challenge

The holiday season represents many things to each of us. You are asked to bring a quilted item: quilt, wall hanging, table runner or table topper, table decorations, ornaments, clothing or something special that represents your holiday season. If there is a story that goes along with your presentation, please include it on a single page in typewritten form for all of us to enjoy.

Mystery Social Hour

Our social hour will include getting to know our members. Look for the mystery clues on each of your tables and match them with the member or members you think they represent.

JANUARY PROGRAM—Jan Whittington presents a trunk show and a class on 3D quilting and embellishment. With over 20 years’ experience and many creative ideas and award-winning quilts, prepare to be inspired. Class will follow on Saturday, January 11 at Second Chance Fabrics from 10am – 4pm. The cost for the class is \$50 for members, which includes the pattern. Attached is the supply list for the class. You can take your own material you want to use or buy it there.

OCEAN FANTASY
Approximately 36" by 42"

Supply List:

- ½ to ¾ yards light blue fabric
- ½ to ¾ yards medium blue fabric
- ½ to ¾ yards dark blue fabric
- fat quarter sand colored fabric
- fat quarter dark rock textured fabric
- scraps of blue gray and muddy brown fabric for octopi and snails
- scraps of fish fabric that can be fussy cut
- scraps of gold or brown fabrics for starfish
- Heat n Bond Lite and small amount of Heat and Bond Heavyweight
- Batting and Backing fabrics for your quilt size
- Bias binding to bind quilt
- Small amount sand, shells, and/ or crushed shells
- Small bits of ribbon in brown, green, orange, or color of choice
- Eyelash yarn in green (at JoAnn's)
- Yarn to couch around the border
- Buttons, beads or crystals (I used blue beads and red crystals)
- Gold or red glitter paint (optional)
- Roxanne's Glue Baste it
- Red Puff paint (optional)
- Jewel It Tacky glue
- Monopoly invisible thread for quilting
- Basic sewing supplies and machine

This is an improvisational quilt. Shapes are cut freeform. I raw edge applique shapes as I came to them while quilting in horizontal rows.

I provided some shapes for you to copy but you may find that you need to change shape to fit the area where you are putting the piece.

Designed by Jan Whittington
Second Chance Fabrics
5322 W Spruce Ave #110, Fresno, CA 93722
559-365-0132
October 2018



Ocean Fantasy Embellishment



Learn embellishment techniques
Make an art quilt
There are no rules in art quilting

SJVQG FINANCIAL STATUS– Beverly Kuykendall NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

	<u>October</u>	<u>FYTD</u> <u>9/19-8/20</u>	<u>2019-2020</u> <u>Budget</u>
INCOME	\$5,505.81	\$ 8,642.65	\$15,429.24
EXPENSES	\$1,928.61	\$ 2,846.35	\$19,095.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$3,577.20	\$ 5,796.30	\$(3,665.76)

MEMBERSHIP – Sharon Pryor

The printed membership directory and membership cards are now available at the membership table. Please stop by if you did not pick yours up last month. Only members who have paid their dues by the October meeting are included in the directory. However, dues are accepted at any time. The application can be found in this newsletter, on the web site at sjvqg.net or at the monthly meeting. Dues can be mailed, turned in at the monthly meeting or paid on-line. Membership dues are still \$35.

WELCOME - We had four new members join the Guild in October – **Valrie Gipe, Kathy Robertson, John Fidel Rosales** and **Sandy Valdivi**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Happy Birthday Wishes go out to the following December birthdays.

Cathy Cavagnaro
Maureen Golden

Gerry DeRienzo
Maggie Missel

Jessi Ellis
Patty Sutton

Sandy Gaines

NAME TAG REMINDER

Don't forget to wear your name tag to the Guild meeting in order to be eligible for new monthly drawing. This is also a chance to show off your quilt style preference (make it pieced, appliqued, fancy or plain). But more importantly it will help other members to get to know you by name.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT TICKETS

Ticket sales for our opportunity quilt have been great! So great, that we are getting low in tickets. If you have tickets that you are NOT going to buy or sell, please turn them in at our December meeting so that we can redistribute them and get them sold.



COMFORT QUILT NEWS – Susan Schara

At our November meeting we were happy to receive quilt tops from **Carol Mills-Henry** (5) and **Rosalind Haywood**, completed quilts from **Sue Costello**, **Chris Schneider** (2), **Yvonne Mattingly**, **Jan Kinney**, **Connor Hightower** (3), and a twin-size joint effort from **Janet Nuxoll** and **Dee Mooneyham**. Also, numerous quilts were turned in by our volunteer binders. **Nancy Lord** brought 2 new-looking estate-sale suitcases for Kases for Kids. Thanks, everyone, for finding the time to support our donation program during this increasingly busy time of year.

Every single pillowcase kit (and often more than one) went home with members for a quick project to be brought back at our December meeting. It will be wonderful to see a mountain of Christmas and winter-themed pillowcases, and the staff and patients of Sojourn Hospice will be thrilled to receive them. If anyone finds the pillowcase directions confusing, please don't hesitate to call **Susan Schara** and she will talk you through the process. It may be a counter-intuitive method but produces a neat, durable item in just a short time.

NEW
******* STITCHING & STUFF *******

This free section is open for our individual members to post information regarding private classes they teach or other events they may have or are involved in. Submit your information to the editor by the 20th of the month.

Rhea Wiens

Come and enjoy taking quilting classes at Redeemer Lutheran Church with **Rhea Wiens**, Instructor. For more information and to schedule your time from one of the following, please call **(559) 436-0775**.

Monday – 6pm – 8pm

Tuesday – 9:30am-11:30am * 1pm-3pm * 3:30pm-5:30pm * 6pm-8pm

Wednesday – 9am-11am * 6pm-8pm

Also available Quilts by Design – Longarm hand-guided machine quilting by Rhea.

Diana Gardner

Did you know? **Diana Gardner** is teaching sewing classes to any adult who wants to learn to sew. Classic, beginner classes as well as intermediate and advanced classes are available. Classes are held every Monday from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. Contact Diana for information as to location, class materials, and costs.

Diana also teaches a class called the “*Dolly Mamas*” in Clovis on the third Tuesday of each month. These students make a new outfit for an 18” American Girl doll every month. They have been sewing and creating new clothing for their dolls for the past two years. They learn something new each month while having fun sewing.

Call: **Diana Gardner, (559) 978-0706**. Please leave a message when you call.

******* STITCHING & STUFF *******

Continued

Senior Quilters – Diana Gardner

If you are unfamiliar with this group, they started about 12 years ago at Quilters' Paradise in the classroom when two ladies decided to do something nice for homebound Seniors in our community. That first year, those two ladies made 18 quilts in two months. Since then the group has grown and shrunk and grown again, and now meets on the first Friday of every month to make quilts. The number of quilts grew along with the number of quilters quilting. Last year they donated 264 quilts to homebound seniors. With the exception of batting, which is purchased, all of the materials are donated by people in our community. Those who provide us with the cash for batting are our "Angels".

We meet at the Fresno Christian Reformed Church on West Shields and Crystal Avenues. The first Friday of each month. Bring your lunch and sewing machine and sewing kit. Contact **Diana Gardner (559) 978-0706** if you are interested in joining the group.

*****You are Invited *****

The Senior Quilters

Annual Quilt Showing & Reception

Friday, December 6, 2019 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

D & J Sewing Center

2700 Clovis Avenue, Ste. 101 Clovis, CA 93612

FREE MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified 'For Sale' ads for individual members are free. If you have an 'extra' sewing machine or any sewing, fiber arts or quilt related items you would like to sell, send a description and possibly a picture to the editor by the 20th of the month. Call the editor if you have any questions.

This is **YOUR** newsletter. If you have any information or news of interest to fellow quilters, quilt show information, articles or ads you want to share with our members, please submit them to the editor **on or before the 20th day of the month.**

Also, make sure you look at our paid business advertisement section. An ad can change monthly letting you know if one of our advertisers is having an upcoming event. Business ads should be delivered to the editor along with the appropriate payment made out to SJVQG.

Irene Allen, editor, 559-304-2831, irene.allen81@yahoo.com

UNDERSTANDING THE SEWING MACHINE NEEDLE

<https://www.superiorthreads.com/education/using-the-right-needle>

The above link will take you to an excellent educational article by Superior Threads on sewing machine needles. Below is the introductory paragraph.

One of the most significant parts of today's home machines is often the least appreciated and most obscure – the needle. A [sewing machine needle](#) is a slender strand of metal, shaped to precision, which delivers thread to the machine to create a stitch. We spend thousands of dollars on the most advanced machines, acquire the best digitized designs, use the most lustrous thread, and the most beautiful fabric to produce our projects. But all too often this is all for naught because we either use an old, worn, damaged needle or we use the wrong needle for the fabric. Needles can be damaged by normal use. You don't have to hit a pin while sewing to damage your needle. They can become dull, bent, damaged or get misshapen eyes through normal sewing. All these contribute to frustrating thread breaks and a frayed look on your finished projects. The best advice we can give is this: When you start a new project, start with a new needle. It's the least expensive part of a superior finished project. Overall, a clean, well functioning needle will result in sharp, well-shaped stitches. Needles are inexpensive and easy to change. Keeping a good needle in your sewing machine is one of the easiest, least expensive ways to improve your embroidery and sewing projects.

DOTTIE'S FINDINGS – Dottie Daybell

2019 December Findings

1. Katie Blakesley gives us a series of tutorials on making half rectangle triangles. Start with her two September 29 posts:

<http://swimbikequilt.com/2019/09/half-rectangle-triangles-tips-tricks-and-tutorials-a-new-series.html>

<http://swimbikequilt.com/2019/09/half-rectangle-triangle-cutting-chart-half-rectangle-triangles-tips-tricks-and-tutorials.html>

At the bottom of her posts is a paragraph beginning "This entry was posted in . . . and tagged . . .". If you click on "half rectangle triangle tutorial", you'll get all the posts with that tag.

2. QOV BOM Sue's blog is hibernating, but while it was active, she designed a pretty patriotic quilt made from strips. I like the little heart shapes that appear.

<http://suessewingstuff.blogspot.com/2012/06/junes-stashbusting.html>

Starting from an 8.5" strip set, the two mirror-image blocks each finish to about 11". She doesn't give the width of the dark blue sashing strips, but they'd need to finish to exactly half the finished block size.

3. The Chain Link block is a good way to use up strip scraps. Originally it was done in two colors plus a background, as in these instructions:

<https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/chain-link-quilt-block.html>

But look what happens when you make it scrappy, or set it on point:

<https://patchworknplay.blogspot.com/2014/06/shelburne-tartan.html?m=1>

<https://thewayisewit.blogspot.com/2019/05/chain-link-quilt-top-for-h2h.html>

4. Linda Swanekamp figured out how to set a group of nine tiny 4.5" blocks in a circle. She only posts photos of the layout, and leaves some calculations to the viewer. But you can do it!

<https://artinsearch.blogspot.com/2019/05/those-itsy-bitsy-teeny-tiny-stars.html>

<https://artinsearch.blogspot.com/2019/06/teeny-star-blocks-at-2.html>

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Sept 1, 2019 – Aug 31, 2020
Annual Dues \$35.00

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. Name, address, phone and e-mail will be printed in the membership directory and on the password protected website.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail _____

Please PRINT all characters legibly.

Do you want your roster information on the password protected website? Yes ___ No ___
(If left blank, information provided above will be on website for membership viewing only)

Do you want a printed membership directory? Yes ___ No ___

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Month of your birth _____

Are you a Past President _____ Charter Member _____

Skill Level: Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___ Houston Award Winner ___

What is your Quilting Style? (machine or hand piecing, appliqué, modern, traditional, etc)

What skills or experience would you like to share with us?

Are you interested in serving on the Guild Board or one of the many committees?

Turn your completed application and membership fee in at the Guild meeting or mail to:
Membership Committee, SJVQG, P.O. Box 3256, Clovis, CA 93613.

For Membership Chairman's use only (do not fill in).

Date Processed _____ \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

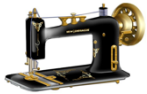
CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2019

- Dec 6. **Senior Quilts** Annual Quilt Show and Open House, 1pm-4pm
D&J Sewing Center, 2700 Clovis Avenue, Ste. 101 Clovis, CA
- Dec 12 **SJVQG Meeting**, 7pm, open at 6pm for social time, raffle & BOM tables
Enjoying the season, Quilter's style: Holiday Quilt Challenge, Soup tasting/potluck
- Dec 19 **SJVQG Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, at **Barbara Pearson's** home
- Jan 9 **SJVQG Meeting**, 7pm, open at 6pm, for social time, raffle & BOM tables
Jan Whittington, trunk show and lecture on 3-D quilting and embellishment
- Jan 11 **Jan Whittington Embellishment Class**, 10am-4pm, Second Chance Fabrics, (559) 365-0132,
5322 West Spruce Avenue, Fresno CA
- Jan 16 **SJVQG Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, at **Barbara Pearson's** home
- Jan 23-26 **Road 2 California** Ontario Convention Center
- Feb 7-9 **Folsom Quilt & Fiber Show** 10am-4pm Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma St.,
Folsom. www.folsomquilt.org

Checklist for December 12th Meeting

- ✓ Potluck dish: Last name A-L bring salads, M-Z bring desserts
- ✓ Name Tag - Wear to be eligible for the drawing
- ✓ Turn off cell phone
- ✓ Completed Block of the Month blocks or Round Robin Blocks
- ✓ Show-n-Tell Items
- ✓ Bring Comfort Quilts, Pillowcases
- ✓ Membership application/renewal & Annual Dues
- ✓ Holiday Challenge item

Sew - N - Tech
Sandy Gaines
Sewing Arts Instructor



- **Quilting & Sewing Services**
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Mennonite
Quilt Center

HOLLY JOLLY
CHRISTMAS BLAST
December 6 & 7
9 am to 6 pm

GUILD DAY SECOND SATURDAY

Food, fun, games, prizes

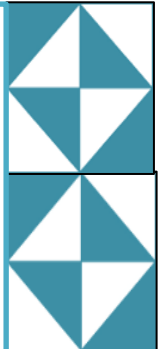
35% off all Christmas

15% entire store

(some exclusions may apply)

Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater to
be entered for our Grand Prize drawing

All discounted fabric now \$4 per yard,
buy the bolt and save 10% more!



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