



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD

*****OCT 8 IS VIRTUAL MEETING*****

WE MEET THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH • 7 PM
AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH • 364 E BARSTOW AVE • FRESNO, CA
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DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM, TABLES OPEN AT 6:30 PM, MEETING AT 7 PM
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"PROMISES KEPT"

My guess is I am not the only one in our guild who has spent numerous hours looking through old projects during our shelter-in-place. As I have done this, I have looked at some pieces of fabric or patterns and have tried to remember "Why did I buy this?" or "Who was going to be the recipient of this quilt?"

While in my search, I found a selection of batiks and a cat quilt pattern - part paper pieced and part appliqué. And I remembered who it was for! 15 years ago, when I went to a machine quilting show in Kansas, I made a stop to visit my friends Bert and Dawn who had moved to Lawrence, Kansas in 1990. They took me to a quilt store and I bought the fabric and pattern.

(President's Message continued)

About two months ago I finished the quilt! And the best part is that I am delivering it in person on September 21st!

At the writing of this letter my husband Marty and I are staying in Wichita Falls, Texas in our COVID Bubble (RV) and I will conduct the board meeting from here! Tomorrow we meet up with our son and daughter-in-law in Texas where we'll spend the weekend and then we'll head north to Kansas.

Tonight, I'm thankful for the health and willingness of my husband to trek all over the western United States to visit family and friends and to visit beautiful places in the western United States. I'm thankful that I finished the quilt and I am **keeping my promise!** I'm thankful that I found how much I enjoy quilting and for the people who quilt with me (when not in a pandemic).

And I'm thankful for our guild. For our attempts to connect during this pandemic. I hope you take the time to connect with a quilting buddy this week and join us for our virtual meetings.

Joanie Martin

President

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PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES BY SEPTEMBER 30TH AND SAVE!

DUES POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 30TH - \$20.00

MEMBERSHIP – Sharon Pryor

Our Membership Drive for the September 2020 - August 2021 year is now underway. In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, dues paid between June 1st and September 30th for the 2020-2021 year will be reduced to \$20. Memberships paid after September 30th will be \$35 (\$38 if using PayPal). A copy of the 2020-2021 application is included in this newsletter.

In order to deliver membership cards to those who have paid their membership dues, this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Guild will be mailing out 'membership postcards' for members to use for discounts at quilt/fabric stores. Since it may be a while until we are able to meet in person, it was determined that this was the most cost-effective way to provide you with proof of membership. Your PINK membership card will be mailed out once dues have been received and your membership has been updated.

FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING – All members who paid their dues by the end of September will be entered in the drawing for a free membership. Join us for the October Zoom meeting to see if you are the winner.

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

**Shelley Cooper
Linda Gebbia
Jan Whittington**

**Charline Dervishian
Roslaind Haywood**

**Gerri Fisher
Grace Robinson-Whipple**

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Sonja Hernandez

Block of the Month (BOM) patterns and directions are now sent out via E-Blasts each month. Whether you do one block or make a quilt, wall hanging, table runner or whatever...don't forget to send a photo to the President at sjvqg1@gmail.com so we can all see your creation AND your name will be entered in our monthly BOM drawing. Keep in mind your BOM blocks can also be donated to the comfort quilt stash so they can be incorporated into a comfort quilt.

In case you missed the E-Blast, the October BOM is included at the end of this newsletter.

The winner of the BOM (Watermelon) drawing for August was **Diana Gardner**.
The winner of the BOM (Windmill) drawing for September was **Joanie Martin**

DOTTIE'S FINDINGS – Dottie Daybell

OCTOBER 2020 FINDINGS

1. I'm seeing a few quilters using Big Stitch to finish a binding. Not sure how it would wear. Eliane puts the big stitch on the back side. If I were going to do it, I'd put it on the front, where it shows.

<https://patchworkandpoodles.com/big-stitch-hand-binding-a-tutorial/>

<https://patchworkandpoodles.com/big-stitch-hand-binding-variation-a-tutorial/>

2. QOV BOM. Lori Holt posted a pretty 7" blue-and-white star block as part of a rectangular flag block. The flag block is here:

<https://beeinmybonnetco.blogspot.com/2019/06/vintage-block-along-week-21-4th-of-july.html>

and the star instructions are here, with her interesting construction method:

<https://beeinmybonnetco.blogspot.com/2019/06/vintage-block-along-week-20-sparklers.html>

I'm imagining a quilt with star blocks alternating with red-and-white stripe blocks made from four red and three white strips cut 1.5" x 7.5". If that's too many pieces, you could use 7.5" red squares. Seven blocks wide and eleven blocks long, 39 stars and 38 alternate blocks, would make the quilt 49" x 77".

3. Stephanie has a detailed tutorial on piecing some very scary curvy seams:

<http://spontaneousthreads.blogspot.com/2016/03/caution-curves-ahead.html>

4. Do you have something to say? This free booklet from Moda via the Fat Quarter Shop has large pieced alphabet blocks, 8" x 10":

<https://www.fatquartershop.com/moda-spell-it-with-fabric-quilt-free-pdf-pattern>

AQS has a smaller alphabet here (which is also built in to Electric Quilt, they say):

<http://www.aqsblog.com/free-pieced-alphabet-patterns-a-z>

And I found a bunch more, both free-pieced and paper-foundation pieced:

<https://paperpiecingpatterns.wordpress.com/alphabet-patterns/quirky-letters-2-5-x-4/>

<https://www.quiltingdaily.com/quilt/best-day-ever-free-alphabet-characters-block-patterns/>

http://waynekollingersquiltblog.blogspot.com/2011/02/free-pieced-alphabet-for-you-acadia-ive_27.html

<http://www.blossomheartquilts.com/easy-as-abc-qal/>

<http://www.thequiltercommunity.com/Wcdebcdfa2c687.htm>

COMFORT QUILT NEWS – Susan Schara

Well, it's Fall, and we are getting used to the 'New Normal'. Many of our members are making very good use of their quarantine time: **Joanie Martin** made and donated 4 comfort quilts; **Kim** and **Patty** quilted 11, **Jan Kinnney** made 11 and took quilting kits for 10 more; **Diana Gardner** (2) and **Beverly Kuykendall** made BOM tops; **Shannon Brown** made an English paper-pieced top, quilted it, and bound it; and **Fanchon** continued to bind quilts joyfully. Thank you, one and all, for your participation in our guild's donation program.

Quilters are generous souls, and obviously enjoy giving things to others. When you have the urge to give something to the stash, please limit your donation to 100% cotton quilt-weight fabric. We love it, especially yardage suitable for quilt backs. We can use smaller pieces, too, but have found that quarter-yard or fat quarter pieces are a good minimum size. Most members "shopping the stash" don't take scraps smaller than that, and we have to discard them eventually to make room for more donations. We also have little use for random notions, patterns, trims, and books, since we no longer have in-person meetings where people can pass by a give-away table and take those items away. (The Hinds Hospice thrift store welcomes sewing-related items, we are told.)

Until next time, keep calm and quilt on....

*****REMINDER*****

Our many passionate quilt makers require lots of batting, and we can pay a lot or a little, it's up to you. By sending Susan the UPC codes from packaged Hobbs batting products, you provide the key to a great discount on our comfort quilt batting supply. Every 5 UPCs lets us get one queen-size roll for cheap. We have been able to order 1 queen size roll of batting so far...and have a great need for more. Please find, cut out, and send them so we can start the fiscal year with all the batting we need. Thanks!

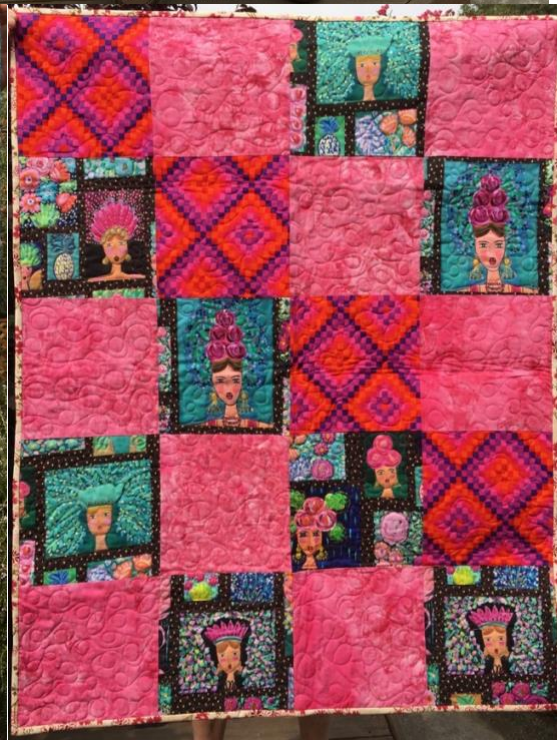
**WHETHER YOU PIECED, QUILTED, DID BINDING, DONATED FABRIC OR MADE KITS –
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!**





ABOVE TWO QUILT TOPS WERE MADE FROM THE SEPTEMBER BOM
 QUILT TOP BELOW MADE FROM AUGUST BOM





PROGRAMS- Diana Gardner

Join Zoom Meeting by copying the link below

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6747551749?pwd=NWdEMTJFb212c1A1VXhLMDIUG9Mdz09>

or

Log In to ZOOM.US and enter the following information

Meeting ID: 674 755 1749

Password: Quilts

OCTOBER PROGRAM

In October, we will take a small journey across the Pacific Ocean with Patricia Belyea, our guest artist. Patricia lives in Seattle, Washington and has a shop which she co-owns with her daughter, Victoria Stone which specializes in vintage Japanese textiles. She teaches quilting, has a tour to the Japanese Quilt Conference (when we are not in lockdown), and has written a book, *East-Meets-West Quilt: Explore Improv With Japanese-Inspired Designs*. Her website is: www.okanarts.com. Plan to make a cup of coffee, eat a cookie and take the time to view the offerings from her on-line shop. It's scrumptious!



NOVEMBER PROGRAM - Program information to be announced.

DECEMBER CHALLENGE

In addition to a guest artist in December, we will present in our on-line Quilt Review (show and tell), quilts and quilt projects representing "*Christmas - 2020 Style*." This year represents a very different year to all of us. Each of us, in our own special way, have been dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, and our quilting reflects the many ways we have chosen to care for our families, our friends, our community and ourselves. Please share with all of us how you have managed and how you plan to celebrate the coming holiday season through your love of quilting. A drawing will be held for a gift certificate to Dutch Bros.

"Christmas – 2020 Style" Challenge

Rules – Your item or items:

1. may not be smaller than a bread basket nor larger than a VW bus
2. may be pieced, appliqued, embroidered, quilted, unquilted or a combination of any of these.
3. may be any color or combination of colors
4. may be painted, colored with pencils, pens or crayons
5. MUST be finished.

Please send a picture of your item to the President at svvgg1@gmail.com to be included in our on-line Quilt Review and the drawing.

COFFEE BREAKS - Sonja Hernandez & Diana Gardner

Coffee Break virtual meetings have become a quick way to meet with your quilting friends, see their faces and talk to them live and in person. Coffee Breaks are informal and fun! We are inviting more of our members to join us at either 11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Mark your calendars and become a "Coffee Breaker".

In our Coffee Breaks, we have discussed many things: free motion quilting, the different forms of applique, bindings, the Block of the Month, and quilting projects we are currently working on are just a few of the quilting topics. Naturally, our families and how all of us are being affected by the pandemic have been a part of our conversations. Questions and answers about quilting and life are wide ranging and enjoyable. We are planning to try making small projects *virtually*. There's always something new for us to learn.

Won't you mark your calendar and join us on *Zoom*? It's fun! See you soon.

Our *Zoom* address is: Zoom ID#674 755 1749. Password: Quilts.

Coffee Break Schedule

Tuesday, September 22 at 11am and 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 13 at 11am and 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 27 at 11am and 6:30pm

DON'T FORGET HOBBS UPC CODES!

Remember to check your sewing room—maybe there's a packaged, pre-cut Hobbs batting just waiting to be used in your next project. Cut the UPC code from the plastic wrapping and contact **Susan Schara**. Our guild can qualify for a hefty discount on the comfort quilt batting we use up so rapidly these days. We will be ordering one discounted queen-sized batting (we have to pay shipping) and need three more UPC codes. (This offer is for guilds, not individual quilters—sorry.)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Reneeta Anthony

The Treasurer's Report for this month provides summary of the information for the Fiscal Year from September 1, 2019 to August 30, 2020 for the SJVQG. The fiscal information was reviewed, comparing the balances of the books, the income, and expenses to the prior Fiscal Year. The following items are of note:

The end of the Fiscal Year (September 1, 2019- August 30, 2020) there is a balance in the SJVQG checking account of \$43,922. When comparing the overall balance to the prior Fiscal Year, this is an increase of \$364 or .01% (the bank balance for FY 2018-19 is \$43,559).

The overall income for FY 2019-20 (\$12,839) decreased \$2,261 or 15% from FY 2018-19 (\$15,100), with expenses FY 2019-20 (\$12,719) decreasing \$4,602 or 27% from FY 2018-19 (\$17,321).

Beginning FY 2020-21 the Treasurer's Accounting Budget figures will be increasing \$143.10, to match the bank balance of \$43,922, according to acceptable accounting principles and the SJVQG Board's agreement on September 17, 2020.

If anyone would like the details of the prior year's expenditures, or questions regarding future budget information, please contact your Treasurer, Reneeta Anthony, at 559.779.2288 or email: reneeta@yahoo.com.

SJVQG 2020 -2021 PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED

Due to the Covid pandemic the SJVG Proposed budget was presented to guild members for two months in the August and September newsletters with approval voting being held via SogoSurvey. Our SogoSurvey voting by guild members resulted unanimously in favor of the proposed budget being adopted.

FACE MASKS

Our guild recently delivered 200 face masks to St. Benedict Catholic Workers in Fresno. They were very appreciative of receiving the masks. **Joanie Martin** still has sewn masks for distribution as well as kits for any guild member who is looking to sew some masks. Please contact her if you have any questions.

KASES FOR KIDS
Sonja Hernandez & Diana Gardner

PLEASE CONTINUE TO TURN IN COMPLETED DUFFLE AND ACCESSORY BAGS TO THE STASH ROOM

There are many accessory bag kits available at the Stash Room and they will continue to be available all year. In January we will begin a new duffle bag project with a goal for next year of 50 completed duffle bags.

If you have either a duffle bag or accessory kit and are “stuck” on completing it, or have any questions about the kit, please text me or give me (**Diana Gardner**) a call **(559) 978-0706**.

I look forward to hearing from you and receiving more completed bags. Thank you for giving so freely of your time and talent. .

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SJVQG

Several on-going committees listed below need either leadership or help. Check out the list and contact any Board member for additional information on these committees.

Opportunity Quilt: Help organize showing of our quilt and selling of raffle tickets.

Trip Coordinator: Organize trips to Road to California, Sisters or other shows for fun and excitement. Without Coordinator and assistants, there will be no out of town trips planned.

Quilt Challenge: Help plan a quilt challenge for our members selecting the subject, the prizes and setting up the display of quilts.

Assistant Programs Coordinator – If you are interested in learning about building the programs for our Guild, you can help the Programs Coordinator in organizing, preparing and setting up for guild programs. IF interested or for questions, contact **Diana Gardner** @ 559-978-0706

Assistant or co-editor for newsletter –An opportunity to be one of the first to know what is happening in the Guild. Learn how easy it is to produce the newsletter. Possibly communicate with advertisers regarding ads and payments as necessary. Provide backup to the editor if needed or if desired share the duties. If interested or for questions, contact **Irene Allen** @ 559-304-2831

Fundraising: Share your knowledge of past efforts to raise funds and help keep dues low. Research and record which were successful and not. Why did some members appreciate certain efforts and not others? No actual fundraising responsibilities. Just help us understand the past and better plan for future activities

***** **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.

Diana Gardner
Sewing Classes and Dolly Mamas Classes

Classes on hiatus until further notice

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.

Senior Quilters – Diana Gardner

On hiatus until further notice – Contact Diana for more information

We meet at the Fresno Christian Reformed Church on West Shields and Crystal Avenues to make quilts to donate to homebound seniors. We meet on 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.

Rhea Wiens – Quilting Classes

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2020

PLEASE NOTE: All ZOOM meetings for the Guild will have the same meeting ID and the same password unless notified otherwise.

ZOOM

(Note: Corrected Meeting I.D from August newsletter)

Join Zoom Meetings by copying the link below

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| Sep 30. | Postmark Deadline for \$20 Membership Dues to be paid. Dues paid after 9/30 will be \$35. |
| Oct 8 | SJVQG General Meeting ZOOM Starts at 7 p.m
Patricia Belyea, A Zoom Trunk Show & Slide Lecture |
| Oct 13 | SJVQG Coffee Break -ZOOM – 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct 15 | SJVQG Board Meeting ZOOM – 6:30 p.m |
| Oct 14-17 | PIQF - Pacific International Quilt Festival Online – <u>www.quiltfest.com</u> |
| Oct 27 | SJVQG Coffee Break -ZOOM – 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. |
| Nov 12 | SJVQG General Meeting ZOOM Starts at 7 p.m – Program to be announced |
| Nov 19. | SJVQG Board Meeting ZOOM – 6:30 p.m |
| Dec 10 | SJVQG General Meeting ZOOM Starts at 7 p.m - Guild Challenge – Christmas 2020 Style |
| Dec 17 | SJVQG Board Meeting ZOOM – 6:30 p.m |

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Sept 1, 2020– Aug 31, 2021

Annual Dues Paid June 1st through September 30th– \$20.00

Effective October 1st – \$35.00 (\$38 if using PayPal)

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 _____

FREE MEMBER 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.

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.

Quilters' Corner – For members to share information and photos about their quilts, ribbons won, rides wanted to out of town quilt shows, etc.

*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.***

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

THE QUILT DOCTOR IS IN – ASK VIA ZOOM COFFEE BREAK

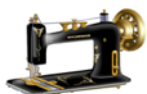
Unsure how to turn your binding? Unsure about a technique? Unsure how to get your seams to match? Have a question about a technique new you? Join our ZOOM Coffee Breaks and ask...bet you will get some good input.

Our Guild is full of resources and knowledge. **Sandy Gaines, Teresa Orr and Gerri Fisher** are here to help you. We will help to answer your question or to find a friendly knowledgeable resource in our Guild.

It has been my experience as a quilter that quilters in general love to share their knowledge with other quilters. If the only obstacle standing in your way from starting that new project or finishing your old project is a question, then come see us in the back.

If you have a lot of experience in a specific area or technique and would be willing to share your knowledge, come sign up in the back as a resource. Happy Quilting!

Sew - N - Tech
Sandy Gaines
Sewing Arts Instructor



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Block of the Month
October 2020
Wired into the Internet - National Internet Day Oct 29th

Use the following image to base your “Wired into the Internet” embroidery block.



Use your imagination to connect the ‘wires’ to other things you associate with the internet. Some sample pictures/icons are included on the next page to help you get started.

The pictures/icons can be enlarged or shrunk to fit your design.

