



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD

JULY 8TH IS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON MEETING
(SEE MEETING ARTICLE FOR DETAILS)

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 FOR SET-UP & SOCIAL TIME, MEETING AT 7 PM
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

I'd like to take this moment to share a little of my personal history.

In 1985 I moved from Los Angeles to Fresno to establish a school for students who couldn't make it in a traditional school setting. It was an early charter school. The job included counseling, teaching, and advocating for students.

In 1987 I took a position at First Presbyterian Church as the Director of Southeast Asian Refugee Ministries. The job included educating the community about issues facing our refugee population and educating the refugee community about American culture. It also included taking folks to job interviews, to doctor appointments in San Francisco, organizing workshops on how to fix a lamp and simple plumbing skills, teaching ESL, and sponsoring family members still in the camp.

At the same time, I moved into the Lowell Neighborhood where many of the Southeast Asian families had relocated. I lived in a duplex that I shared with a Vietnamese family. In 1991, my husband Marty and I bought a home two doors down from where I had lived before. Our home became a place of refuge for many in the community and we spent the next 21 years being a voice when one was needed.

In 2020, while sheltering in place in our new home, I had a lot of time to think about how I could make a difference. I was in a new chapter in my "Book of Life". I had made hundreds of masks and gifted many family members and friends with quilted objects!

But I was looking for something more. I had a lot of quilts from small wall hangings to large lap quilts that I had made in the last ten years. I realized there were many worthwhile organizations that I could donate my quilts to, but realized the Lowell Neighborhood Community Development Corporation was where my heart lay. They are working to improve the quality of life for the folks in the Lowell Neighborhood. (continued)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

So, on Thursday night, I will be the guest artist for Arthop at the Gallery at First Presbyterian Church. I have selected and priced 14 quilts to display and sell. All the sales will go directly to this organization. As of this post 5 have already been sold!

Why did I share this with you? I believe we are all looking for ways to make a difference in the lives of our family, friends, community and world. We start where we can. In Fresno, for me that meant starting a new school. And 36 years later that means sharing my quilts as a means to make a difference in the lives of folks in the Lowell Community.

Joanie Martin, President

GUILD HYBRID MEETINGS

July

We have scheduled our meetings/speakers to be online via Zoom through the month of July. The July meeting will be held **both** virtually and shared at the church for members who wish to gather in person.

In regards to COVID guidelines, the church is now allowing to let attendees that have been fully vaccinated to attend without a mask. Those that have been fully vaccinated can also mingle and sit with no social distancing requirement. The church is still required to place our tables far apart. As we currently do not have a hospitality committee you may bring your own food and drinks.

Our Zoom meeting will begin promptly at 7 PM. Members attending the meeting at the church will be viewing the program on a large screen. The door to the church will be opened at 6:30 PM. Please bring your own food or beverages.

If you have any comments or questions please direct them to sjvqg1@gmail.com.

WALL QUILTS WANTED

Butterfly Gardens will open in Clovis in **July 2022**. These 75 apartments will serve people who are homeless and also have disabilities. It is a permanent housing development and they are very focused on creating a place of dignity where people can start fresh.

They are looking for wall quilts to decorate the common spaces and hallways and they contacted our guild to see if any of our members would like to donate one of their quilts. This is another opportunity to serve our community.

If you are interested or have questions please contact **Joanie Martin** at sjvqg1@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP – Sharon Pryor

Our Membership drive for the upcoming year starting September 1, 2021 will begin in August. **New members** who wish to join during June, July and August will pay the full annual dues which will include membership for the upcoming year that starts September 1st. The application can be found in this newsletter or on the website at sjvqg.net. Dues are \$35 annual (\$38 if using PayPal) and can be turned in at a meeting, mailed in with your application or paid online.

All new members and those who renew their membership by the September meeting will be included in the 'Free Membership' drawing held during the October meeting.

The 2020-2021 password for access to the 'Members Only' section of our website and for access to our ZOOM meetings has been sent out to all members in good standing.

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

Chris Chapman	Carolee Clayton	Jennifer Davey	Diana Gardner
Pat Haun	Sonja Hernandez	Leslie Knutsen	Beverly Kuykendall
Nancy Lord	Barbara Pearson	Susan Rechkemmer	John Fidel Rosales
Barbara Van Rozenboom			

GUILD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are looking to begin the process of forming a Nominating Committee for board members for the 2021-2022 year. If you have any interest in serving on this committee please contact **Joanie Martin** at sjvqg1@gmail.com.

DON'T FORGET HOBBS UPC CODES FROM ANY SIZE!

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

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Barbara Pearson & Shannon Mueller

A new year begins in August for Block of the Month (BOM). We are excited to take on this activity and hope that you will participate regularly. Thanks to **Sonja Hernandez** for the fun and great challenges she provided Guild members this past year.

Each month you will receive patterns and directions. Some months will include links to helpful tips and YouTube videos. We hope that monthly participation will result in the donation of at least 12 blocks that can be used to create a comfort quilt. We'll share the quilt top during the following month's meeting and donate it once finished.

Turn in your completed blocks at the monthly meeting to be eligible for a drawing to win a jar of local honey.

The patterns and directions will continue to be sent by E-Blast after each monthly meeting.

JULY BOM

The winner of the June BOM drawing was **Kathy Robertson** with her beautiful 'rose' block. Join us for the July 'Lipstick' BOM. Don't forget to send your July BOM photo to sjvqg1@gmail.com for the drawing.



QUILTS OF VALOR



Joanie Martin had the opportunity to present two Quilts of Valor, made by **Betty Baxter**, to veterans **Al Verret** and **Mildred Wright-Pearson** at the American Foreign Legion dinner on June 9th.

COMFORT QUILT NEWS – Susan Schara

As of mid-June, life began to inch slowly closer to normal. Members gathered in person for a hybrid guild meeting, while others participated from home. Completed comfort quilts were turned in by **Dee Mooneyham, Connor Hightower (2), Joanie Martin, and Donna Coppin (4)**. An additional 7 comfort quilts were brought in by members unknown at this time. Wonderful quilt tops came from **Carol Mills-Henry (2), Dee Mooneyham**, and 4 from makers unknown. Thanks, all of you. A couple of UPC codes arrived for future use—thank you for remembering, whoever you were.

Thanks to the efforts of all of the makers, quilters, and binders, we were able to donate 10 comfort quilts to the Marjaree Mason Shelter Program, 7 to hospice, 6 to DaVita Dialysis Centers, and 4 small quilts to Kases for Kids. All were very happily received, as usual.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, as the saying goes. Looking forward to renewing friendships, and sewing a lot. For now, keep cool and carry on.

COMFORT QUILTS

WHETHER YOU PIECED, QUILTED, DID BINDING, DONATED FABRIC OR MADE KITS –THANK YOU!



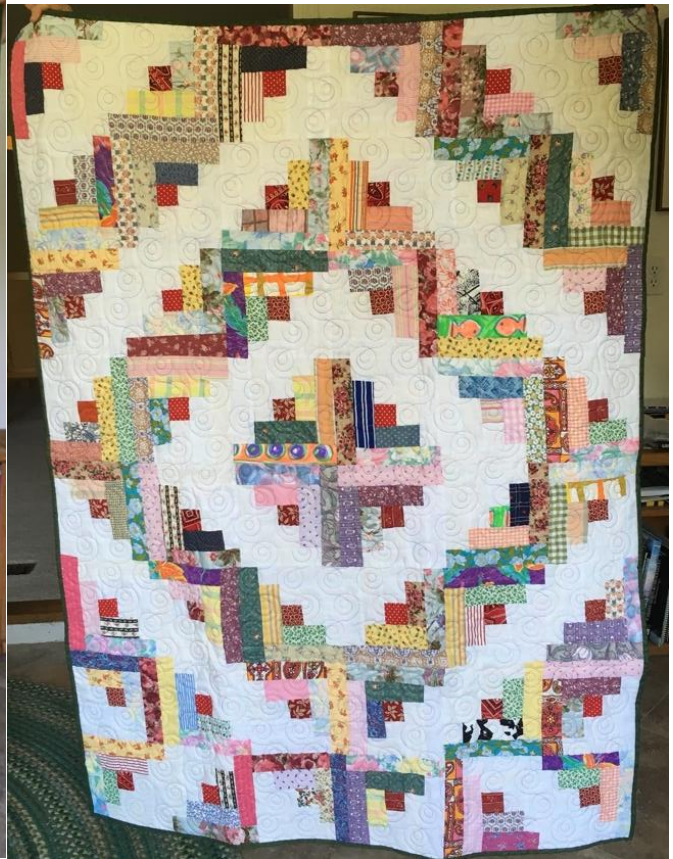
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KASES FOR KIDS

Sonja Hernandez & Diana Gardner

There are many duffle bag and accessory bag kits available at the Stash Room and they will continue to be available all year. If you would rather pick them up from **Diana**, please call or text, so she can put them on the porch. (She works Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday but is happy to leave them for you on the porch.) Our goal is 50 completed duffle bags for the 2021 year.

Text or call **Diana Gardner** at (559) 978-0706.

. 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

JULY PROGRAM – Join us for a Virtual Studio Tour of five SJVQG quilters. The quilters are: **Carol Mercer, Kim Killian, Teresa Orr, Sandy Gaines and Pat Robertson**. Come see how these quilters organize their quilting spaces. Each quilter will guide you through their studio. At the end of all the tours, the quilters will be available to answer any questions.

In addition for the month of July, we will continue to have our Show and Tell virtually at the church and on zoom. So, members need to send photos of their quilts to sjvqg1@gmail.com by July 7th..

AUGUST PROGRAM – This will be our first in-person show and tell in over a year...so let's make it a BIG one! We would like all our members to bring all their fiber related projects they worked on during their COVID confinement. Let's make this a fantastic show! Bring in your quilts, bags, jackets, table runners, doll clothes and even your knitting projects. We want to see them all! Please let **Diana** know (978-0706 or dianalou93711@gmail.com) what you are bringing so that she can choreograph the program. We will have tables available to display your projects after your presentation so everyone can enjoy them close up.

COFFEE CHAT 2021 - Sonja Hernandez & Diana Gardner

JOIN THE FUN---LEARN NEW QUILTING TECHNIQUES ---MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the Coffee Chat get-togethers at 11 a.m. – 12 Noon on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays.

July 13 & July 27 Zoom ID#674 755 1749 Password: Quilts

TREASURER REPORT – Reneeta Anthony

:05 PM
6/14/21

San Joaquin Valley Quilters' Guild, Inc. Reconciliation Summary Westamerica Bank, Period Ending 05/28/2021

	May 28, 21
Beginning Balance	41,804.63
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 3 items	-630.00
Deposits and Credits - 3 items	105.29
Total Cleared Transactions	-524.71
Cleared Balance	41,279.92
Register Balance as of 05/28/2021	41,279.92
New Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 4 items	-948.18
Total New Transactions	-948.18
Ending Balance	40,331.74

Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 28, 2021.

DISBURSEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN May 2021: Three checks were cashed by Kim Brownell, paid for our May speaker (\$300); Hope Lutheran Church paid for May rent (\$225); and Bryan Tritch paid for technical services at the meeting (\$105). Two deposits were made totaling \$105.29. The deposits supported Fundraising-Mug Rugs (\$95), Donation Amazon.com (\$9.65) and Bank Interest (.64).

THE STASH ASIAN CHALLENGE (Note change of date)



Two quilts finished for the Asian Challenge

Our guild stash was given with some beautiful Asian-themed fabrics. Enough of them that we want to share! The caveat is that you need to make a quilt out of it (size does not matter) and save it until **November**

In **November** we will host **ArtHop** at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fresno and we will display our Asian quilts. **ArtHop** is in the evening on the first Thursday of the month. The quilts will remain on display for the month of **November**. Currently **ArtHop** is virtual, but we are hoping that this will be a live event that we can invite friends and family to attend.

There are still some Asian fabrics available and they will be at the July guild meeting . After the meeting, you can contact **Joanie Martin** at sjvqg1@gmail.com to find a time to see the fabrics.

DOTTIE'S FINDINGS – Dottie Daybell

JULY 2021 FINDINGS

1. Cathy's quilt is made completely from 3.5" finished HSTs, with a clever layout. It's a streak-of-lightning or zigzag design that looks complicated, but every block is made from nine HSTs whose darks and lights are arranged exactly the same way. Alternate blocks are turned "upside down" or 180 degrees. Look at the corner block to see the arrangement of the nine HSTs.

<https://saneandcrazy.blogspot.com/2021/05/tales-from-scrap-yard-14-quarts-of-warm.html>

2. Patriotic BOM Mary posts brief instructions for a 12" block she calls Chisel Star. She used her Accuquilt Go's Chisel die, but it could be rotary-cut, too. Cut 3.5" x 6.5" rectangles and 3.5" squares. Just be sure the diagonal seams all run the same direction.

<https://maryquilts.com/chisel-stars/>

3. The Seattle Modern Quilt Guild does interesting BOMs. For May, their BOM post has many ideas for putting words on a quilt.

<https://seattlemodernquiltguild.com/2021/05/10/bom-2021-may-instructions/>

4. Susan posted about ways to choose a color palette. I especially like the suggested websites further down in her post:

<https://www.quiltfabrication.com/2020/07/3-ideas-to-find-perfect-color-palette.html>

5. The Surfside Quilters Guild in San Clemente has annual BOMs running from May to April. They've collected all the patterns going back to 2009 on their website. I especially like the chunky flowers they did last year, and the birds from the year before.

<http://www.surfsidequiltersguild.org/bom.html>

MUG RUGS FUND RAISER

Need an inexpensive gift? For \$5 you can purchase a set of mug rugs that includes a special 'cake in a mug' recipe. The Guild has around 20 sets left and will make the remaining sets available to members who attend guild meetings at the church.

***** **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

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. Contact Diana for information as to days, time, location, class materials, and costs.

Diana also teaches a class called the “*Dolly Mamas*”. 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
Contact Diana for more information

Senior Quilters are meeting again! We now meet on the **First Monday of each month** at the Fresno Reformed Christian Church on West Shields and Crystal Avenues. We meet from 10 to 3. Bring your sewing machine and sewing kit, your lunch and your project(s). We have fabric and batting and lots of ideas if you are short on them. We are a friendly, helpful group who enjoy quilting. Our projects are donated to homebound seniors in our community. Any questions, call or text Diana Gardner at (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. Schedule your time from one of the following:

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.

To get more information and to schedule call **Rhea Wiens** at **(559) 436-0775**. Please leave a message when you call.

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Quilt Classes with Nancy Christian

\$30.00 per class

At D & J Sewing @ Gettysburg & Clovis Ave

Class hours are 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Each month I teach a new quilt pattern, some may become your new favorite. I try to work with Fat Quarters and pre-cuts as we seem to buy those more easily.

I have the class on Wed, then on Thurs & Friday of the same week I offer 'Come Sew with Nancy'. You can finish up your projects or bring in other projects that you may be stuck on. This is a good time to visit with other quilters while you work on your projects. By the time you go home on Friday, you should have a completed quilt top done, or maybe more.

Wed July 14th class Graffi from the book Scrap Basket Bounty, available at D & J

Thursday / Friday July 15/16th 'Come Sew with Nancy', \$20 per day

Wed Aug 11th class Zen Cabin by Zen Chic, pattern available at D & J

Thursday / Friday Aug 12/13th 'Come Sew with Nancy', \$20 per day

Wed Oct 13th class Pound Cake from the book Fun Friends & Fat Quarters

Thursday / Friday October 14/15th 'Come Sew with Nancy', \$20 per day

Wed Nov 10th class Floating Pinwheels from Scrap Basket Bounty, available at D & J

Thursday / Friday Nov 11 /12th 'Come Sew with Nancy', \$20 per day.

If you have any questions/concerns on the classes or the come sew, reach out to me and I will be happy to answer them.

Nancy Christian

559-203-0188

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Sept 1, 2021– Aug 31, 2022

Annual Dues - \$35 (\$38 if paying online 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 _____

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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

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR GUILD – Reneeta Anthony



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Please remember when you are shopping on-line to use the SJVQG AmazonSmile page when you order. If you click on the link above, you will go to the SJVQG identifying number so your purchase can help the guild. If you need the link, copy/paste:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0162207>

Donations If you are blessed this year and are able and desire to contribute to your quilt guild, please consider us in your giving budget. The SJVQG is a 501(c)3 organization, and we will provide you with a tax receipt of your contribution. Contact **Reneeta Anthony** if you have questions at 559-779-2288 to obtain more information or send a check payable to: SJVQG, PO Box 3256, Clovis, CA 93613.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2021

Join Zoom Meetings by copying the link below

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

The general meetings are now “hybrid” – Join in-person at the church or via ZOOM.
or

Log In to [ZOOM.US](https://zoom.us) and enter the following information

Meeting ID: 674 755 1749 - Password: Quilts

- Jul 8 SJVQG General Meeting, Starts at 7 p.m.
Virtual Studio Tour:Sandy Gaines, Carol Mercer, Kim Killian, Teresa Orr & Pat Robertson
- Jul 13 Coffee Chat, 11-12 noon via zoom
- Jul 15 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Joanie Martin’s House
- Jul 27 Coffee Chat, 11-12 noon via zoom
- Aug 10 Coffee Chat, 11-12 noon via zoom
- Aug 12 SJVQG General Meeting, Starts at 7 p.m.
Show of all we made – members’ fiber related projects
- Aug 19 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Joanie Martin’s House
- Aug21-22 Delta Quilters Guild Show www.deltaquilters.org (see flyer in newsletter)
- Aug 24 Coffee Chat, 11-12 noon via zoom
- Sep 9 SJVQG General Meeting, Starts at 7 p.m.
TBA
- Sep 16 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Joanie Martin’s House
- Oct 6-17 Fresno Fair – Opportunity Ticket Sales
- Oct 14 SJVQG General Meeting, Starts at 7 p.m.
TBA
- Oct 21 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Joanie Martin’s House
- Nov 4 SJVQG ArtHop Presentation of Asian Quilts
Gallery at First Presbyterian Church, 1540 M Street, Fresno 93721

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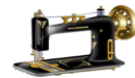
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Leatha Ann Dieckmann - Email or call if there are questions leatha.ann.1@gmail.com or 209.968.2779. I live across from Turlock Lake just north of Merced and Turlock.



Our 2021 Theme



*Quilting...
the thread that binds*

August 21

10:00-5:00

August 22

10:00-4:00

**Brentwood
Community
Center**

35 Oak Street
Brentwood

\$10 entry

good for both days
under 8 & over 80 free

**EXHIBITS * DEMONSTRATIONS * VENDORS
BOUTIQUE * RAFFLES**

*Stroll through Farmers' Market
(Saturday morning)*

*Enjoy lunch & shopping specials offered
by Downtown Brentwood merchants with
your admissions wristband!*



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perpetuating the art and beauty of quilting, enhancing
the quilting arts, and supporting the community by
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