



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD

MAY 12th IS IN-PERSON & ZOOM

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WE MEET THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH • 7 PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joy in Small Things

In between Coffee Chat at the end of March and the one at the beginning of April I had an opportunity to visit my son the farmer in Oregon.

Joy #1 was watching him do his chores. Things like repairing a tractor and making a place for some new chicks he brought home. My joy is amazement in the skills he has acquired that he did not learn from us!

The newest edition to the farm are four ewes and one ram. They are Rambouillet sheep. Their wool is Merino wool. And this spring all of the ewes are mamas!

Joy #2 was watching their lambs play with each other.

Joy #3 was watching them nurse. Their little tails go around in circles like they were wound up!

Joy #4 was getting to hold one of these small wooly creatures. Amazing!

Joy #5 wasn't on the farm but was with guild friends who worked together to make Kases for Kids. These are small things but when they are put in the middle of a crazy, busy, wonderful life they bring joy.

I hope you have time to interject a little lamb in your schedule! And speaking of schedules, I will be traveling for most of the month of May, part of June and July. You may not see me at a meeting but know I am available via email if you have any questions. We have a very capable group of women to carry on and make things happen at meetings and Coffee Chats.

I am enjoying being your president!

Joanie Martin

KASES FOR KIDS DUFFLE BAG SEW-IN - Diana Gardner



Carol Shervem, Irene Allen, Elena Walthour, Barbara Pearson, Joanie Martin, Diana Gardner, Theresa Orr

It was a very productive group that produced duffle bags for Kases for Kids during the April sew-in.
Thank you for volunteering your time and your skills for a very worthy cause.

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](https://zoom.us) and enter the following information

Meeting ID: 674 755 1749 -Password: Quilts

MAY PROGRAM: Zoom presentation by **Elizabeth DeCroos of Epida Studio**. She will show and tell us about Korean Pojagi – Korean Wrapping Cloths., Pojagi is the name for traditional Korean sewing techniques used to make wrapping cloths. It has been around for hundreds of years, pre-dating quilting by centuries. Check out her website at: <https://www.epidastudio.com>

JUNE PROGRAM: Zoom presentation by **Diane Murtha**, The challenges of Quilt Challenges. Visit her website at: <https://www.dianelmurtha.com/index.php>

JULY PROGRAM: Zoom presentation by **Sam Hunter of Hunter's Design Studio**, The History of Word Quilts
<https://huntersdesignstudio.com>.

AUGUST PROGRAM: We will celebrate the Guild's birthday and install new officers for the 2022-2023 year.

GUILD HYBRID MEETINGS

The May meeting will be held in person at the church and via zoom. As of this writing, meeting restrictions have been relaxed. You will be notified via e-blast if that changes.

We have scheduled most of our meetings/speakers to be available in person and online via Zoom until further notice. Our Zoom meetings will begin promptly at 7 PM. When we have a guest lecturer, members attending the meeting at the church will be viewing the program on a large screen.

The church will be opened at 6 pm for set up and then 6:30 pm for social time begins. Our Zoom presentation begins promptly at 7 pm..

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

MEMBERSHIP – Sharon Pryor

It is never too late to join the guild. For **New** Members who join the guild during April, May and June, dues are now half price at \$17.50 for the remaining months through August. Renewal members are still \$35. Applications are being accepted and can be found in this newsletter or on the website at sjvqg.net . Payment can be made at the monthly meeting or mailed in with your application.

The printed 2021-2022 membership directory and membership cards are now available at the monthly meeting. Stop by the membership table and pick up your copy. An updated PDF copy is also included in the monthly email blasts sent out for the Patterns & Plans for SJVQG Coffee Breaks & Meetings.

WELCOME - to our newest member, **Laynee Greenberg**.

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

Irene Allen	Pat Baker	Michele Carlson	Kay Cone
Karen Coy	Dottie Daybell	Ellen Hemink	Susan Lathrop
Joanie Martin	Carol Mercer	Kathryn Miller	Jimi Rodgers
Linda Weyant			

COFFEE CHAT 2021 – Joanie Martin & Diana Gardner

LEARN NEW QUILTING TECHNIQUES ---GET HELP ON A PROJECT---ENJOY CHATTING WITH OTHER QUILTERS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the Coffee Chat get-togethers at 11 a.m. – 12 Noon on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Join us to learn some new techniques, to ask for advice on any project or technique you have or to just touch base with other quilters. In May we are working on a new appliqué technique. The quilt artist we are taking this technique from is Jane Sassaman. She employs a means of cutting away the background working from the background to the foreground. Here's a You Tube that might give you an idea.

May 10 & 24 - June 14 & 28 - July 12 & 26

Zoom ID#674 755 1749 Password: Quilts

NAME TAGS

Don't forget your name tags! Since we have so many new members, we need to start wearing name tags at our quilt meetings and functions.

SUPPORT A TEACHER'S PROJECT

If you have any **embroidery thread and paint brushes** you no longer need, consider donating them to our 'teacher in need' - **Sonja Hernandez**. **Sonja could use these items for one of her class projects**. If you have any to donate contact Sonja and take them to the guild meeting. If you have any questions, email Sonja at goteamhernandez@gmail.com.

LOST AND FOUND

One white puffer type jacket was left at the April meeting. Contact Irene Allen at 559-304-2831 if you want it prior to the next meeting.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM)

Block of the Month (BOM) Barbara Pearson & Shannon Mueller

May's block of the month is *Song Birds*. Please use white for the background and darker colors for the birds so they stand out. As you'll notice to the right, the red prints don't contrast well enough with the background. Oops! The beak can be a little tricky, so don't hesitate to reach out to us if necessary. Making more than one block and turning them in at the meeting increases your chance of winning a jar of honey during the drawing. The E-blast has been sent with the patterns and directions for the song bird.



Last month's block was *April Flowers*. Sixteen beautiful flower blocks were donated. Beverly was the lucky winner of the jar of honey. Thank you all for participating.



If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.
Barbara Pearson (559)392-6683
Shannon Mueller (559)269-5780

COMFORT QUILT NEWS – Susan Schara

April was a time of surprises in Comfort Quilt land! Upon actually reading a draft of the guild by-laws, it was discovered that TWO people, rather than ONE, were required to fulfill the functions of comfort quilt chair and stash coordinator. What a surprise! No wonder it had seemed such a ginormous task for one person for about the past twenty years! The second and very gratifying surprise was **Beverly Kuykendall's** stepping up to become the needed co-chair for comfort quilts/stash. In one fell swoop, the work load for each chairperson was reduced by 50%, a much more manageable commitment. As a third surprise, **Jan Kinney** arrived at the stash to take possession of 8 or more of the donated tops, and to provide batting, back fabric, quilting, and binding, thereby reducing the backlog a lot! Our hero! And **Shannon Brown** came by and sorted and organized part of our last big donation of stash fabric. Thank you, thank you, thank you for help that was sorely needed.

Additional thanks for donation-ready quilts turned in at the meeting go to **Janet Nuxoll** (3), **Connor Hightower**, **Janet DeJong**, **Jan Kinney** (2), and **Karen Coy** (11!). Tops came from **Carol Mills-Henry** (7) and some of **Kim Killian's** quilting customers (6). Deliveries consisted of 14 to the Marjaree Mason Shelter Program, 7 to hospice, and 8 to dialysis centers. Thanks, everyone, for your participation in our donation program.

Please note: For now, to help reduce the quilting kit backlog, quilt tops should be accompanied by back fabric when submitted to the comfort quilt team. Fabric can be your own or stash fabric, and help choosing stash fabric can be provided if you call ahead.



The above comfort quilt was made by BOM co-chairs Shannon Mueller and Barbara Pearson from member donated Blocks of the Month. If you do not have time to piece a whole comfort quilt... think about doing a BOM to donate it to the group comfort quilt.

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









TREASURER REPORT – Reneeta Anthony

10:19 AM

04/15/22

San Joaquin Valley Quilters' Guild, Inc.

Reconciliation Summary

Westamerica Bank, Period Ending 03/31/2022

	Mar 31, 22
Beginning Balance	38,806.94
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 7 items	-901.07
Deposits and Credits - 2 items	6.00
Total Cleared Transactions	-895.07
Cleared Balance	<u>37,911.87</u>
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 5 items	-625.00
Total Uncleared Transactions	-625.00
Register Balance as of 03/31/2022	<u>37,286.87</u>
Ending Balance	37,286.87

DISBURSEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN MARCH 2022: Seven checks were cashed by: Joanie Martin (one for \$9.99 and one for \$181.08) for MailChimp for January (\$9.99), program expenses for February (\$43.32), Postage for postcards (\$32) and the postcards (\$24.51), refreshments (\$53.64), keys for the cabinet (\$5.61) and MailChimp for February and March (\$22); Robert Forbes (two checks totaling \$210) for technical support for February and March; Carol Shervem (\$200) for petty cash for Best of the Valley Opportunity Quilt 2022 sales event; Hope Lutheran Church for March rent (\$225) and Dee Moonyhem (\$75) for second prize for the Quilt Challenge. Two deposits were made for Bank Interest (.65) and Amazon Smile (\$5.35).

BY LAWS AND POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Action to adopt the bylaws, policies and procedures will be delayed pending further revisions. We hope to have the revised draft documents to present to the general membership for final review in June. It is hopeful that voting for the formal adoption of our bylaws and policies and procedures will be held at our July general meeting.

DOTTIE'S FINDINGS – Dottie Daybell

May 2022 Findings

1. Louise made a mini quilt for a challenge. She inserted narrow strips, which is not unusual, but her fabric choice made a big difference! I like her result!

<https://feelincrafty.wordpress.com/2022/03/15/up-and-over/>

2. Patriotic BOM This page of hints from the Country Crossroads Quilters in Modesto has a nifty trick for making a pretty RWB block: Easy Spinner Block. And as a bonus, be sure to also save the Magic Rectangles PDF. Both are by Anita Hay, a clever lady.

<https://www.modestoccq.com/sew-much-more.html>

3. Jenny posts a brief description of how she made an interesting machine applique piece for the SAQA auction. Scroll down on this page, after enjoying the pretty photos of Nevada above:

<https://quiltskipper.com/2022/03/the-carson-city-quilt-guild-stunning-views-and-a-saqa-donation-piece-finished/>

4. Elizabeth has gathered her hints about applique, including a new video, into this post:

<https://opquilt.com/2022/03/09/applique/>

5. Yvonne is an intrepid piecer. Here's her tutorial on piecing half-circles:

<https://quiltingjetgirl.com/2022/04/11/conquering-curves-connection-block-tutorial/>

6. Bonnie Hunter hosted a retreat for a group of quilt collectors who did a bed-turning. She posted a slide show of the quilts. Open the video on YouTube to enlarge it. (That's Pepper Cory in the red cardigan.)

<https://quiltville.blogspot.com/2022/04/so-many-antique-quilts.html>

***** **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
Teaching Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced classes

Come and enjoy taking quilting classes at Redeemer Lutheran Church with **Rhea Wiens**, Instructor. Schedule your time from one of the following:

Monday – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday – 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

You can choose your own special project or select from Rhea’s class projects.

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

To get more information regarding long arm services and/or to schedule a class, call **Rhea Wiens at (559) 436-0775**. Please leave a message and I will return your call.

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Quilt Classes with Nancy Christian

Quilt Class with Nancy - \$30.00 per class

Come sew with Nancy - \$20 per class

At D & J Sewing @ Gettysburg & Clovis Ave

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

Each month I am teaching up to 2 quilt classes. Some of these may become one of your new favorite. I am working with Fat Quarters and Jelly Rolls along with some yardage for borders and bindings. If you don't buy these items, you can also work with just yardage.

I am also offering a Come Sew with Nancy on Wed & Thurs prior to the Friday class if you like to do some quality time with your sewing machine or hand work. You may also use this time to cut out your fabrics and start the class a bit earlier. You may be able to go home with a complete quilt top.

All Books & Patterns that I note on the classes are available from D & J Sewing. The free patterns will be available when you sign up for the classes. These have been some favorites books, so you may have them already. Quilts will be displayed prior to the class so come in and take a look at what you will be making.

Come Sew May 11 & 12

Quilting Class Friday 5-13 50 Shades Pieced from Fun, Friends & Fat Quarters

Quilting Class Wed 5-25 Falling Stars from Book of Scrap Basket Bounty

Now that you see what is available to you, call your friends and get your calendar out and make a date with your sewing machine. What a fun way to take a break. Come enjoy the fun that we have.

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

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Sept 1, 2021– Aug 31, 2022

Annual Dues - \$35

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

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail _____

Please **PRINT** all characters legibly.

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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



AmazonSmile: You shop. Amazon gives.

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.

DON'T FORGET HOBBS UPC CODES FROM ANY SIZE BATTING!

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)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2022

Join Zoom Meetings by copying the link below

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6747551749?pwd=NWdEMTJFb212c1A1VXhLMDIiUG9Mdz09>

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

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Korean Pojagi , <https://www.epidastudio.com>
- May 19 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. at **Joanie Martin’s** house
- May 24 Coffee Chat, 11 – 12 noon via zoom
- Jun 9 SJVQG General Meeting –Zoom presentation by **Diane Murtha**, Quilt Challenges
<https://www.dianelmurtha.com/index.php>
- Jun 14 Coffee Chat, 11 – 12 noon via zoom
- Jun 16 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. at **Reneeta Anthony’s** house.
- Jun 28 Coffee Chat, 11 – 12 noon via zoom
- Jul 12 Coffee Chat, 11 – 12 noon via zoom
- Jul 14 **Sam Hunter of Hunter’s Design Studio**, The History of Word Quilts
<https://huntersdesignstudio.com>
- Jul 21 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. at **Joanie Martin’s** house
- Jul 26 Coffee Chat, 11 – 12 noon via zoom
- Aug 9 Coffee Chat, 11 – 12 noon via zoom
- Aug 11 SJVQG General Meeting – Birthday celebration/Installation of officers
- Aug 18 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. at **Joanie Martin’s** house
- Aug 23 Coffee Chat, 11 – 12 noon via zoom



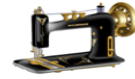
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