



## SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD

**OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> IS IN-PERSON ONLY**

(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

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DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM FOR SET-UP & 6:30PM FOR SOCIAL TIME, MEETING AT 7 PM

***COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE!***

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's October and fall is in the air. Days and evenings are pleasant for walking, and we're beginning to think about the days ahead and getting our holiday projects completed. With the holidays in mind, we will have a working meeting this month. I am looking forward to making felt Christmas stockings to go to foster children in our community. **Joanie Martin** asked you to bring sharp scissors, pins and a brush for gluing felt pieces together to decorate the stockings. Let's help make Christmas a little brighter for some of the children. Kaden of Kases for Kids is helping us with the distribution of the completed stockings.

The Women's Conference team put our Opportunity Quilt on display on Monday and spent Tuesday selling tickets to our beautiful quilt. It was a long, exciting day for our team and **Carol Shervem** will give us a complete report of their success at our meeting. Our webmistress, **Carolee Clayton** was present taking pictures and helping us set up our display. Check our Facebook page for the results

I hear that the two pillowcase projects are continuing to generate lots of pillowcases for both the young people with terminal illnesses and the elders receiving hospice care. Members, your response has been overwhelming. When asked, you always respond with a most generous heart. It's a gold star day for all of you! Thank you.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Diana Gardner

**P.S. Remember to wear your name badge!**

## OPPORTUNITY QUILT-FRESNO FAIR SIGN UPS

Now is your chance to help our Guild!! The Fresno Fair runs October 5th to the 16th. The booth will be maintained 9 a.m. to 7p.m.

We can still use a few more volunteers so please contact **Carol Shervem** at [goodapl@yahoo.com](mailto:goodapl@yahoo.com) to get more information as to which days and shifts are available. Daily there will be 3 shifts of 3 hours a shift.

## GUILD HYBRID MEETINGS

**The October meeting will only be held only in-person at the church.** 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 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](mailto:sjvqg1@gmail.com).

## Coffee Chat 2022

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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Join us if you can!

***September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 11 & 25, November 8<sup>th</sup>***

Zoom ID#674 755 1749 Password: Quilts

## SJVQG Opportunity Quilt 2022-2023



Applique by **Pat Rosander**, Pieced and quilted by **Sandy Clark**.

This beautiful quilt has a white and cream background with an appliqued grape motif of purple with green vines and leaves. The quilting is exquisite with intricate designs enhancing the grape motif with trapunto. Rouleau loops adorn the border along with feathers. Sandy reports that she enjoyed completing the custom trapunto sections, using two layers of wool to create the lovely relief. Champagne colored thread was used to enhance the shadowing of the trapunto. The quilt measures 70" x 71" and was displayed to the public for the first time on **September 20 at the Central CA Women's Conference**. Tickets for the April 2023 raffle are now on sale.



## PROGRAMS

Joanie Martin

Join Zoom Meetings by copying the link below

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

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

Meeting ID: 674 755 1749 -Password: Quilts

**OCTOBER PROGRAM:** Decorate Christmas stockings for Kases for Kids - Joanie Martin.

At our last meeting on Thursday we promised you some pictures of the Christmas stocking samples that we'll be making at our October meeting. Here you go! And remember to bring your sharp scissors to the meeting!



**NOVEMBER PROGRAM** – We will be treated to a wonderful Trunk show by the Tuesday Welders ...a group of quilters who have been sewing together for years. Several are members of our SJVQG guild.



## **MEMBERSHIP – Shannon Mueller**

Our membership year began September 1, so it's time to **renew your existing membership** or encourage friends to become new members of the Guild. The membership application can be found in this newsletter or on the website at [sjvqg.net](http://sjvqg.net). Annual dues are \$35 and can be paid at the monthly meeting or mailed in with your application. Your membership card will be ready for you at the following month's meeting.

The drawing to win **Free Membership** for the year will be held at the October meeting. All members whose dues are received at the SJVQG PO Box by October 6 will be entered.

The 2022-2023 membership directory will be updated and available online in November and will only include members that have paid by the end of October. The printed directory for those who are unable to access the electronic versions in email or on the website will be available starting in November at the membership table.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following members celebrating October birthdays –

**GINNA BEARDEN,**

**GERRI FISHER,**

**LINDA GEBBIA,**

**ROSALIND HAYWOOD,**

**GRACE ROBINSON-WHIPPLE**

## **Be Not Afraid!**

I am writing to encourage new members (and long tenured, but less active members as well) to join in guild group activities or committee service.

I am new to this craft and was intimidated by the talent that surrounded me. I first learned to quilt in 2020 and joined the guild in 2021 when I retired. Although I was a nervous novice, I volunteered to help with several guild activities so I'd have an opportunity to meet people. The first thing I did was iron the fusible foam between two pieces of fabric to make coasters! The various committees always welcomed me and supported my learning.

Some guild activities involve preparing kits or items for guild donations. Our recent efforts are tissue holders for the Women's Conference, pillowcases for hospice, blocks of the month for donation quilts, and duffle bags for foster children. If you are shy, you can contribute by picking up kits, sewing them at home, and returning them to the committee chair at a guild meeting. Once you build your courage, consider joining us as we meet as a group a few times a year to focus our efforts on a project together. If you don't feel confident about your piecing or quilting, perhaps you can iron, cut, or package the fabric pieces for the kits. There is a job for everyone at any level, and the gatherings are low key and comfortable.

I've met so many quilters and now have a variety of resources to tap into when I have questions. If you are still hesitant about jumping in with us or want to discuss this more – feel free to call or text me at 559-269-5780.

Shannon Mueller

## MORE HELP STILL NEEDED - BLOCK OF THE MONTH COMMITTEE

We're looking for some helping hands on the **Block of the Month Committee**. We have all the blocks planned for the year, but we'd appreciate some help assembling the quilts for donation after the blocks are turned in at the monthly guild meetings. The fabric for sashing, borders, backing and binding comes from the stash in most cases, so we just need help with assembly. You don't need to volunteer to do all of the quilts, but if you could help us out with 1, 2, 3 (or more?), please let us know! Thanks in advance.

Our thanks to **Shannon Brown** for volunteering to help during our meetings by setting up the BOM table, display boards and handling the 'entry' jar with participant's names. We really appreciate the help!

## Treasurer Report

Barbara Pearson

August 2022

7/31/2022 Beginning Bank Balance	\$38,283.59
August Deposits	31.68
August Withdrawals	(791.88)
Statement ending balance @ 8/31/2022	\$37,523.39
Outstanding checks as of 8/31/2022	(\$797.30)
Balance of checkbook @ 8/31/2022	\$36,726.09





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



In October, we have an easy block for you to make. Donating more than one block increases your chance of winning a prize during the drawing.

The prize for October will be fall-themed patterns for a pin cushion and a table mat. The E-blast has been sent with the specifications.



Last month's block was *Flock Party*. Thirteen blocks will be assembled to create a donation quilt. Pauline was the lucky winner of the *Hen and Checks quilt kit* in our drawing.

Quilts have been assembled from the two previous months' block donations. They look so bright and colorful. We appreciate those of you who donated blocks and Joanie and Barbara who assembled the quilt tops.



We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help with our *Block of the Month* efforts. You can contribute by suggesting BOM patterns, writing instructions, testing, or helping to assemble the quilts for donation. Any assistance would be appreciated even if it is just for 1-2 months during the year.

**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

Visitors to the stash will notice completely new lighting! Daylight equivalent LED bulbs now provide illumination into the farthest corners of the room, making it easy to see the colors and prints of our fabric collection. What a joy for those who come seeking the perfect components for a comfort quilt!

**Lois Light**, a mainstay of our donation program, turned in 7 tops at the September meeting. **Joanie Martin** brought 3 top/back/binding packets as well as fabric for the stash. **Janet Nuxoll** gave 2 cute wall hangings and a Christmas theme top/back packet. Thanks to all of you!

Last month we were able to provide 6 toiletry kits for Kases for Kids, 7 quilts for the Marjaree Mason Shelter Program, 3 quilts to hospice, and 4 quilts to dialysis centers. The pillowcase project is heading toward completion. Thank you, guild members, for your participation in our donation program. After all, don't we welcome any excuse to sew?





## PILLOW CASES

A big thank you to all who have turned in pillow cases. For those of you who still have pillow cases at home, please bring them to the October meeting and turn them in to Carol at the Book and Fabric table. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let Barbara Pearson know how many you have via text at 559-392-6683. We are very close to our goal, so we need to get a good count of how many we have.



## Pillowcase 101

### **Fabric required:**

**¾ yard for body of pillowcase**

**¼ to 1/3 yard for cuff/hem of pillowcase**

**1/8 yard (actually, 2" to 2 ½") for accent strip**

**Cut body: 27" x WOF (40"-42")**

**Cut accent strip: 2 ½"-3" x WOF**

**Cut cuff: 9" x WOF**

1. Lay cuff/hem fabric right side up with selvages (short sides) on right and left.
2. Press accent strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and place along top edge of cuff fabric with raw edges even.
3. Lay main pillowcase fabric face down on top of cuff and accent strip, again making sure that top edges are even.
4. Roll bottom edge of main fabric toward cuff so that bottom half of cuff shows.
5. Bring bottom edge of cuff up to meet raw edges at top, pin.
6. Stitch ¼' seam. Reaching inside the resulting fabric tube, pull main pillowcase fabric out, press.
7. Trim off uneven selvedge edges on each side. Pin pillowcase right side out, matching cuff, accent strip, and main pillowcase edges. Stitch scant ¼" seam along the remaining raw edges (alongside and bottom of pillowcase). Carefully trim seam to about 1/8" for about an inch or so at the thickest part of seam, where cuff, accent and main fabric meet.
8. Turn inside out and press. Now sew again alongside and bottom of pillowcase, using a generous ¼" seam to enclose previous raw edges.
9. Turn right side out and press one last time. Voila!

### **Helpful Hints**

If design on fabric is on the lengthwise grain (parallel to selvages), it will run horizontally on finished pillowcase. If design is perpendicular to selvages (across width of fabric), it will appear vertical on finished pillowcase. To "audition" fabric, look at it with selvages running crosswise in front of you. If design does not go in desired direction, buy 1 ¼ yards of fabric, cut a 27" piece lengthwise from it. Use according to directions above but ignore references to "selvage".

When making a flannel pillowcase, sew final seam (8) ½" or even 5/8" to better enclose previous seam and make final seam more flexible. To make pillowcase for a 12"x16" baby/travel pillow, cut the following" Cuff 27"x7 ½", Accent 27"x2", Body 27"x18"

Questions? Contact Susan Schara at 227-9788.

## **DOTTIE'S FINDINGS – Dottie Daybell**

Findings October 2022

1. A tutorial from Debbie on making improv X blocks:

<https://aquilterstable.blogspot.com/2022/08/improv-extra-block.html>

2. Patriotic BOM: Another pretty star pattern. This one looks similar to its Kansas City Star inspiration, but is constructed quite differently. I have a copy of the original newspaper pattern. It's Brackman 3793. It is made with diamond-shapes like a Lemoyne star, and the main seams are diagonal.

<https://www.fatquartershop.com/wood-lily-classic-and-vintage-quilt-block-pattern-free-pdf>

3. Mel Beach shares all the details about her yoga mat quilt!

<https://pieceloveandhappiness.blogspot.com/2022/08/mind-over-matter.html>

4. Cathy had a Laurel Burch print she didn't want to cut up. She collected coordinating scraps, and made a quilt from 2-1/2" strips, using the special print for the back. She links to the free pattern at the Fat Quarter Shop.

<https://saneandcrazy.blogspot.com/2022/08/interweave-finish.html>

5. Yvonne posts lots of details about pin-basting a quilt.

<https://quiltingjetgirl.com/2022/08/08/quilt-basting-tips-and-tricks/>

## **BOOK AND FABRIC RAFFLE - Carol Shervem**

Books and Fabric are donated by members for our monthly raffle. Interested members purchase tickets at the beginning of the meeting and tickets are drawn at the end of the meeting.

Winners of the September raffle were **Sue Costello, Donna Coppin and Sandra Larson.**



## Shop with Amazon and Earn Money for the San Joaquin Valley Quilt Guild

Many of us love to shop online, and love to shop at Amazon. Did you know that Amazon will give a percentage of your purchase to SJVQG, and it costs you nothing extra. The only thing you need to do is sign into Amazon through the charity portal, **Amazon Smiles**, and designate the **San Joaquin Valley Quilt Guild** as the charity you want to donate to. Then, whenever you shop on Amazon, sign into their charitable giving site (Amazon Smiles) and shop like normal.

- log onto Amazon at <https://smile.amazon.com/> or just click on this link
- Use your regular Amazon Username and password
- Select your charity ... If you have never used Smiles, you will be taken to a screen that asks which charity you want to support.
- **San Joaquin Valley Quilt Guild** is how we are listed...

Shop, and .5% of your purchase will go to SJVQG. They deposit money into our bank account every three months. It's a small percentage for one purchase, but it really adds up. The only requirement is that you need to start your shopping at Amazon Smiles. If you like to shop on your phone, Amazon Smiles works there too.

**You can bookmark Amazon Smiles on your Favorites bar so shopping is one click away!**

### From Amazon's Help Screen

How do I select a charitable organization to support with AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from your future eligible AmazonSmile purchases. We will remember your selected charity whenever you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/) or with AmazonSmile activated in the Amazon Shopping app, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation for your selected charity. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program.

Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity at any time. Simply visit [smile.amazon.com/change](https://smile.amazon.com/change), or tap "AmazonSmile" within the Settings menu in the Amazon Shopping app on your phone and select "Change your charity". Your AmazonSmile purchases made after changing your charity will count towards your newly selected charity.

**Remember, there is no cost to you!**

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

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**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 favorites. 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.

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





## WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR GUILD

**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 **Barbara Pearson** if you have questions at blpearson52@gmail to obtain more information or send a check payable to: SJVQG, PO Box 3256, Clovis, CA 93613. Receipts are also available to pick up at our monthly meeting.

## 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)

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2022

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

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| Oct 1-2   | Golden Threads Quilt Show, Sutter Creek CA<br>Mlqgsuttercreek..org   |
| Oct 5-16  | Fresno County Fair – Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales  |
| Oct 7-8   | Foothill Quilters Quilt Show, Auburn, CA - <a href="http://foothillquilters.org">http://foothillquilters.org</a> |
| Oct 11    | Coffee Chat 11-a.m. – Noon via Zoom  |
| Oct 13    | SJVQG General Meeting - Working Meeting decorating Christmas Stockings   |
| Oct 13-16 | Pacific International Quilt Festival, Santa Clara, CA - <a href="http://quiltfest.com">quiltfest.com</a>         |
| Oct 20    | SJVQG Board Meeting –  |
| Oct 25    | Coffee Chat 11-a.m. – Noon via Zoom  |
| Nov 8     | Coffee Chat 11-a.m. – Noon via Zoom  |
| Nov 10    | SJVQG General Meeting – Trunk show by the Tuesday Welders  |
| Nov 17    | SJVQG Board Meeting  |
| Dec 8     | SJVQG General Meeting – Christmas celebration  |
| Dec 15    | SJVQG Board Meeting  |







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## FOR SALE

Baby Lock Coronet with a 6 foot frame and a separate electric bobbin winder. I have had the machine for about 5 years but it really has not been used very much. I paid \$6,000 for it all and would like to sell it for \$4,500.

I can be contacted by email at [libbyaclarke@gmail.com](mailto:libbyaclarke@gmail.com). I am located in Clovis



**Mother Lode Quilters' Guild**  
2022 Golden Threads Quilt Show  
**October 1 & 2, 2022**  
**Sutter Creek Auditorium**  
Visit website  
[mlqgsuttercreek.org](http://mlqgsuttercreek.org)

**Sat Oct 1 10:00—5:00**  
**Sun Oct 2 10:00—4:00**

**Sutter Creek Auditorium**  
**18 Main Street Sutter Creek**

Cost: \$7.00 per person  
Children under 5 free with paying adult

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### Featured Quilter Jenny Lyon

Author of  
*Free-Motion Quilting from  
Ordinary to Extraordinary*

Jenny will have  
quilts on display &  
Mini-Demonstrations each day

Visit her website at  
[www.quiltskipper.com](http://www.quiltskipper.com)