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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

January is now behind us and colds and flu along with it. I hope you are all feeling well and ready to take a class, learn something new, and join fellow quilters in traveling to up-coming quilt shows. Today's topic is the SJVQG traveling quilters and the story of our trip to *Road to California*.

We recently had our first trip since Covid, and it was highly successful. Therefore, we are now looking forward to taking more trips and traveling together. This means that when we announce that a trip is planned, you will need to make your decision to join us and pay your deposit <u>early</u>.

Road to California was our destination. Eleven intrepid quilters decided they would be very brave. They signed their names on the list, paid Cathy their money and showed up at 'O' dark six o'clock at the Walmart parking lot. The driver was a familiar face and the van was loaded with excited quilters ready to go. And, where was Diana? Oh look, here comes her truck flying through the parking lot! Yes, Diana was late! She had arrived early only to find her phone was at home. So, back to the house to get her phone and quickly, quickly Tom drove her back to meet the quilters. She got into the van as quickly as possible and we took off!

A little more than four hours later we arrived at our destination. Now the fun began. The shopping lists came out. The quilters made mini-teams. The team's discussed which direction they would first go. Would they start at the beginning and work toward the back of the vendors, or would they go to the back and work their way forward? So much to see and so much to do. And, only 24 hours to do it all. Then they were ready and the shopping began.

What a treat! Fabric and threads in all the colors of the rainbow, scissors in all shapes and sizes, pin cushions and rulers, and kits, kits, kits! And, the sewing machines. Longarms, embroidery, featherweights and even a little 1937 Singer that almost came home with me. There it all was, a visual feast spread before us to shop, shop, shop and enjoy. Enjoyment was very much the name of the game and we all enjoyed the shopping, the looking and the trying out of this tool or that one. Did anyone bring home a new machine? Not this time. Maybe next time. We'll see. For the exciting personal details, ask our intrepid quilters. They will be more than happy to discuss traveling with us.

See you on the next trip!

Happy quilting,

Diana Gardner

GUILD HYBRID MEETINGS

The February meeting will be held<u>in-person</u> at the church and <u>via ZOOM</u>. 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 <u>sivqg1@gmail.com</u>.

COFFEE CHAT 2023 Joanie Martin

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. During February we will learn about piecing curves.

Join us if you can!

February 14th & 28th – March 14th & 28th – April 11th & 25th Zoom ID#674 755 1749 - Password: Quilts





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 <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6747551749?pwd=NWdEMTJFb212c1A1VXhLMDIIUG9Mdz09</u> or Log In to <u>ZOOM.US</u> and enter the following information Meeting ID: 674 755 1749 -Password: Quilts

February Program - Debbie Gira on Borders

Debbie will share her knowledge and expertise on how to finish a quilt with a border. At the December meeting I asked three members who would like help finishing their quilts to submit them to me by the first week in January. Debbie and I will use these quilts in her program to work through the process of finishing your quilt.

March Program - Spring Tea. We will ask members to bring goodies. At our tea we will be making a Tea Cup Pin Cushion! In addition, members who participate in Coffee Chat will show some of their finished projects they have made. The Challenge quilt instructions will also be introduced.

April Program - We are hosting **Vickey Conly** for a virtual program entitled "Inspired by the Parks." For more information: <u>https://creativespark.ctpub.com/courses/inspired-by-the-parks</u>

May Program Last Chance Auction

June Program - Quilt Challenge Display and judging



SJVQG 'Road' Travelers



Cathy, Carol, Barbara & Shannon



Carol Mercer & Pauline



ROAD TO CALIFORNIA QUILT SHOW

Carol Mercer's quilt that was displayed at the show

Several of our members travelled to Southern California for the quilt show. Some went on the Guild organized trip and some in smaller groups and some on their own. A good time was had by all.

A big THANK YOU to **Cathy Lee** for organizing, on very short notice, the trip for the Guild.

Checkout our Facebook page for more photos.

MEMBERSHIP – Shannon Mueller

Thanks to the members who joined the guild or renewed their membership for the current year that started September 2022. Renewal and new member applications are still being accepted. The form can be found in this newsletter or on the website at **sjvqg.net**. Dues are \$35 and can be paid at the monthly meeting or mailed in with your application to SJVQG Membership, P.O. Box 3256, Clovis, CA 93613.

WELCOME to our newest member, Patty Huizar.

Membership cards and the printed Membership Directory (for those who are unable to access the electronic version) are available at the monthly meeting. Stop by the membership table and pick up your membership card to get discounts at local quilt shops. An updated PDF copy of the Directory is always included in the E-blast sent with BOM Patterns and SJVQG Coffee Chat and Meeting announcements.

Starting in January 2023, as is tradition in this guild, those celebrating birthdays during the month are asked to bring treats for our refreshment table that will be enjoyed by the members during the meeting. Keep in mind that 'finger foods' are much easier to share. Thanks in advance for your contributions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday wishes go out to the following members with February birthdays.

Deborah Gira

Tracy Newkirk

Kathy Robertson

Elin Thomas



Treasurer Report Barbara Pearson	Dec 2022	
11/30/2022 Bank Balance		\$42,155.67
DEPOSITS		2,292.73
WITHDRAWALS		
Total 12/30/2022 Bank Balance		(1,288.29) 43,160.11
Deposits Not Posted	none	
Outstanding Checks as of 12/30/2022 Total		(1,853.00) (1,853.00)
12/30/2022 Balance per Books		41,307.11

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM DISCONTINUED

Members who signed up for the Amazon Smile program have already be notified by Amazon via email that the Amazon Smile program is being discontinued in February.

Thank you to all the members who did sign up and designated SJVQG as your recipient in the Smile program.

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.

Carol Shervem announced the raffle winners for fabric were, **Sue Costello** and **Teresa Orr**. The winner of the books were **Cathleen Armstrong** and **Teresa Orr**.

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



In February, we have an Arrowhead Puzzle block for you to make. It was suggested by Sandy Parker and she provided the pattern. We greatly appreciate the contribution! You can use three shades of any color, but please don't use black or brown. Donating more than one block increases your chance of winning a prize during the drawing. The E-blast has been sent with the block specifications.

Last month's block was a *High Heeled Shoe*. Ten blocks were donated at the meeting and two more have been promised. These fun blocks will be assembled to create a donation quilt. Fanchon Owen was the lucky winner for her donation to the Guild's *Block of the Month* effort! We promise to deliver her prize at the February meeting.

If you have any questions about these blocks or any aspect of our Block of the Month effort, please feel free to call Barbara Pearson (559)392-6683 or Shannon Mueller (559)269-5780



COMFORT QUILT NEWS – Susan Schara

Well, it's a new year! Have you made any resolutions? Think they'll last through February? Consider resolving to increase your participation in our guild's donation program. It couldn't be easier: there are kits available now for 3-yard quilt tops. They don't take long, and after you turn one in, other members will see that it gets quilted and bound. Piece of cake! Or if you are an independent person who likes to DIY, come on over to the stash and choose the fabrics you want, with or without the guidance of the stash mistresses. Just remember that when you visit the stash, you can't leave until you have chosen a double armload of fabric to take home. And your husband won't be mad because it's free! In addition to ordinary yardage, there are also panels and block collections for people who like to have a head start on a top.

Maybe you'll start your selection process by considering what kind of recipient you'd like to quilt for: children in foster care? Dialysis patients or people in hospice? Women escaping domestic violence? Veterans? Perhaps you would just like to work with a favorite color scheme for a while. Well, come on over and spend some time up to your elbows in fabric. If you resolve to make more comfort quilts in 2023, we've got your back!



WHALE OF A JOB

Barbara Pearson presented the Whale to **Teresa Orr** for all her work with the guild despite her ongoing medical struggles.



DOTTIE'S FINDINGS – Dottie Daybell

Findings February 2023

1. Cathy does wonders with color. She had some red and yellow nine-patches, and set them alternating with snowball blocks. I love the colors she used for the snowballs - not something I would have thought of!

https://saneandcrazy.blogspot.com/2022/11/snowball-and-nine-patch-finish.html

2. Patriotic BOM: Here is a free pattern from Timeless Treasures. It would need yardage, not scraps, but is fairly simple to piece.

https://www.ttfabrics.com/page/56/2-219327/projects/tonga-honor-blue-constellations/

3. I just found this blog by Caroline in Australia. For the past six years, she's been posting a design every Sunday. They are not detailed patterns, but are design ideas. You can look back in her archives to see over 300 ideas. Here's the introductory description of her Sunday Sketches, and a recent page:

https://geometriquilt.com/sunday-sketches/

https://geometriquilt.com/2022/12/04/sunday-sketch-336/

4. Quilted jackets are coming back! (But not to my house. Been there, done that, just got another UFO.) Ann's posts have some helpful links, if you're thinking about it:

https://fretnotyourself.blogspot.com/2023/01/a-quilted-coat.html

https://fretnotyourself.blogspot.com/2023/01/quilted-coat-construction.html

https://fretnotyourself.blogspot.com/2023/01/the-quilted-coat-finish.html

And Carole made a beautiful ensemble a few months ago. Start with the link below, and use her tag "Quilted Jacket Sew Along" to see more posts on her process. The finished ensemble is shown in the second link (which she forgot to tag):

https://frommycarolinahome.com/2022/07/08/quilted-clothing/

https://frommycarolinahome.com/2022/11/23/finishing-the-quilted-jacket-ensemble/

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023 Annual Dues - \$35

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

Name				
Mailing Address				
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E-mail Please PRINT all characters legibly.				
New Member Renewal	Month of your birth			
Are you a Past President?	Charter Member?			
Skill Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced 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 in your completed application and membership fee at the Guild meeting or mail to: Membership Committee, SJVQG, P.O. Box 3256, Clovis, CA 93613				
For Membership Chair's use only (do not fill in).				
Date Processed \$	Check #	Cash		

******** 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 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 <u>blpearson52@gmail.com</u> 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 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.

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**th **day of the month**.

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

26th BEST OF THE VALLEY

A Regional Show of Quilts and Cloth Dolls April 14-15, 2023: Friday and Saturday, 10am-4pm McDermont X 55 N. Sweet Brier * Lindsay, CA 93247 * (559) 562-33

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Children under 12 free, when accompanied by an adult Call (559) 936-2204 for group rates

For more show or entry information go to www.botvquilts.com or contact Suzanne Kistler, Show Chairman (559) 936-2204

If you are interested in entering quilts, your entry information needs to be submitted by **February 14, 2023**. For more information on the show or for entry forms, please see

BOTVQUILTS.COM



2023 Stronger Together FREE Downloadable PDF Quilt Pattern

 $\underline{https://www.fatquartershop.com/2023-stronger-together-downloadable-pdf-quilt-pattern-fat-quarter-shop}$

The 2023 Stronger Together Quilt Along benefits the United Negro College Fund!

Pattern features the 2023 Stronger Together quilt pattern designed by Michelle Ramsay of Quilts Made with Love, plus photos and short biographies of three African Americans who blazed trails on land and in the sky.

Finished size: 52.5" x 52.5"

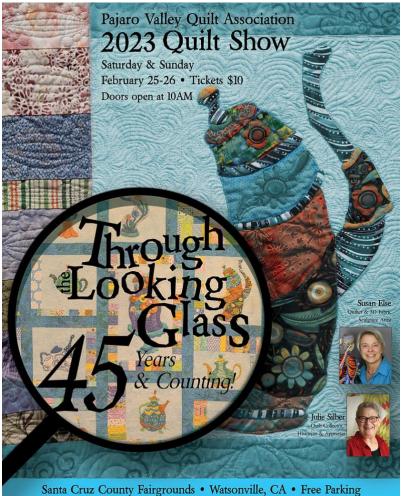
We encourage you to donate to the fund for the use of this free pattern. Check out our donation page at <u>http://give.uncf.org/FatQuarterShop</u>.

To see the full range of kits, notions, patterns and more for FQS Stronger Together, please check out the Fat Quarter Shop <u>Stronger Together Sew Along</u> page.

A link to download this pattern will be included in your order confirmation email. You can also download it in your My Account under My Downloadable Products. Please save the file to your personal computer when possible as there are a limited amount of downloads per pattern.

If you need any help downloading or printing your PDF, follow the steps in our <u>Guide to PDF Patterns</u>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2023 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. or Log In to ZOOM.US and enter the following information Meeting ID: 674 755 1749 -Password: Quilts Feb 2 Art Hop – Heritage Quilters – Black History Month showing, Thursday 5 – 8 p.m. The Gallery @ First Presbyterian Church, 1540 M Street (Stanislaus & M), Fresno Feb 4 Heritage Quilters Quilt Show, Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 1540 M Street, Fresno SJVQG General Meeting –Guest Debbie Gira on Borders Feb 9 Feb 14 Coffee Chat 11-a.m. – Noon via Zoom Feb 15 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 pm. (Note change of date to Wednesday) Pajaro Valley Quilt Show, https://www.pvga.org/guilt-show Feb 25-26 Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville Feb 28 Coffee Chat 11-a.m. – Noon via Zoom Mar 3-5th Folsom Quilt & Fiber Quilt Show, 52 Natoma St, Folsom, https://www.folsomguilt.org/guilt-show-2023.html Mar 9 SJVQG General Meeting – Spring Tea and make tea cup pin cushion Coffee Chat 11-a.m. – Noon via Zoom Mar 14 Mar 16 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Apr 13 SJVQG General Meeting - Vickey Conly, virtual program entitled "Inspired by the Parks." For more information: https://creativespark.ctpub.com/courses/inspired-by-the-parks Best of the Valley Quilt Show - 365 N. Sweet Brier * Lindsay, CA 93247 Apr 14-15 www.botvquilts.com Apr 20 SJVQG Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Guild Studio Tour – Tickets \$10 May 6 May 11 SJVQG General Meeting - Last Chance Auction May 18 SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.



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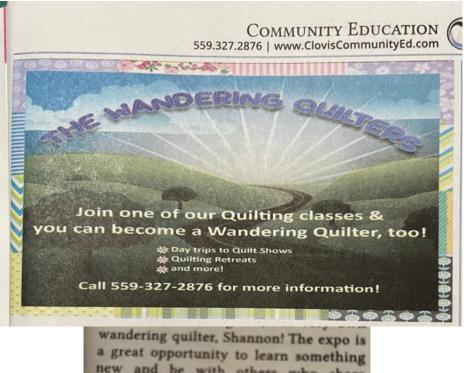




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wandering quilter, Shannon! The expo is a great opportunity to learn something new and be with others who share your interests. Price includes shared hotel room, tickets to the expo, and transportation. Students must register by March 1st. Th-Fri All Day 3/23-3/24 1 Class CAE Smith \$299