



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD

MARCH 9TH IS IN-PERSON ONLY

(SEE MEETING ARTICLE FOR DETAILS)

WE MEET THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH • 7 PM

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2023

We're having a tea party! Yay! I am excited. Can you tell? It's going to be a real live tea party drinking tea and eating tea party goodies...and, we will make teacup pincushions for you to keep. Joanie has us all set up for a girly meeting which sounds like such fun. Debbie Gira will be back to show (and tell) us about an actual border on a work in progress quilt. The Coffee Chat members will share with us some of their projects, and of course, the Block of the Month and Book and Fabric have more fun and exciting things happening. If you haven't joined us for a live meeting in a while, please come.

The Opportunity Quilt has been traveling and recently attended the Kings River Quilt Guild meeting. The quilt was received favorably by their members and when asked, "where do the funds you receive go?" I responded by sharing our "bags" projects. This led to a description of our association with Kases for Kids, duffle bags, accessory bags, and Dream Bags. It seems guilds are looking for community service projects that include more than quilts, and our bags make the ideal small project and fill the needs of communities in many ways. This small service means a brighter day to many individuals in our community. When presented with the opportunity to help, please say "yes".

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the March Tea Party.

Happy quilting,

Diana Gardner, President

GUILD HYBRID MEETINGS

The March meeting will be held in-person only 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.

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 March we will continue with piecing curves and introduce Seminole piecing.

Join us if you can!

March 14th & 28th – April 11th & 25th

Zoom ID#674 755 1749 - Password: Quilts

STUDIO TOUR – Teresa Orr

May 6, 2023

Good News! We are able to include another quilter's sewing room in our Studio Tour. If you would like to share how you organize your sewing area, whether small or large and if you would like to be included in the tour, please contact **Teresa Orr** as soon as possible at 559-240-8104 or teresa.orr@orrenenterprises.us.

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=NWdEMTJFb212c1A1VXhLMDIUG9Mdz09>

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

Meeting ID: 674 755 1749 -Password: Quilts

March Program - At our March meeting we will be hosting a Spring Tea, complete with special goodies! This meeting will be in-person only! Not only will we be drinking tea, we also will make a tea cup pin cushion, and...

- **Debbie Gira** will share one of our members quilts selected to demonstrate her border skills
- Quilters who have been meeting for Coffee Chat will be displaying their works
- AND we will be introducing two challenges for you to participate in. The first is our annual quilt challenge. We're calling it the "Quilted Phrase Challenge." You'll hear about it and be able to pick up your phrase at the meeting. At our June meeting we will be revealing the quilts you all have made!
- The second challenge is called the WORK IN PROGRESS challenge, or WIP for short! Members will be able to join this challenge for \$10 and sign up for no more than 10 unfinished projects. Each completed project will earn you a ticket for the drawing that will be held at our August meeting. You'll hear more about it in person at our March meeting.

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

Also **Debbie Gira** will share another one of the members quilts she selected to demonstrate her borders.

May Program

Last Chance Auction

June Program - Quilt Challenge Display and judging

DREAM BAGS

Our guild is hoping to make 50 Trafficking Dream Bags, complete with required items by the end of October. More information will be given at the March 9th meeting.

In order to jump start this project we are hosting four "sew-in" in March and April. The dates are:

Friday, March 10th	9 am – 3 pm	First Presbyterian Church
Tuesday, March 21st	TBD	Carolee Clayton's home
Thursday, March 23rd	TBD	Cathy Lee's home
Friday, April 21st	TBD	Joanie Martin's home

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 winners of the books were **Irene Allen** and **Karynne Williams**.

MEMBERSHIP – Shannon Mueller

WELCOME to our newest members - Janice Byrd, Jill Shaw, and Karynne Williams. We look forward to getting to know you and learning from each other.

If you haven't already done so, stop by the membership table at the monthly meeting to pick up your **membership card** to get discounts at local quilt shops.

An updated PDF copy of the **Directory** is always available on the website and will be included in future E-blasts sent with BOM Patterns and SJVQG Coffee Chat and Meeting announcements.

It is never too late to join the guild. Dues for *new* members who join the guild are now half price at \$17.50 for the remaining months through August. Individuals that are *renewing* their membership still need to pay \$35. The membership form can be found on the website at **sjvqg.net**. Dues can be paid at the monthly meeting or mailed with your application to SJVQG Membership, P.O. Box 3256, Clovis, CA 93613.

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 March birthdays.

Donna Chipperfield

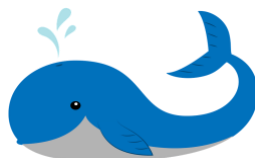
Donna Coppin

Sandra Parker

Patty Huizar

WHALE OF A JOB

Teresa Orr presented the Whale to **Fanchon Owen** for all her work with the guild and for all her binding on our comfort quilts



Treasurer Report
Barbara Pearson

Jan 2023

12/31/2023	\$43,160.11
DEPOSITS	342.30
WITHDRAWALS	
Total	(3,345.45)
1/31/2023 Bank Balance	40,156.96
Deposits Not Posted	none
Outstanding Checks as of 1/31/2023	(1,397.77)
Total	(1,397.77)
11/31/2023 Balance per Books	38,759.19



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

In March, we have a **Woven Ribbons** block for you to make. You can use any combination of bright colors, but please use white or white-on-white for the background. 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.



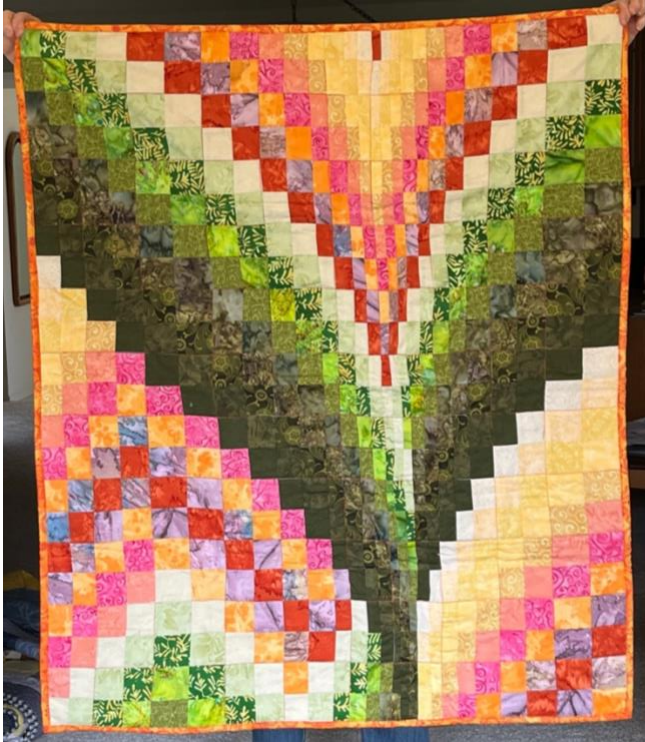
A New Record - 37 Blocks Donated in February!

We had an outstanding response to last month's block - *Arrowhead Puzzle*. These blocks will be assembled to create *two* donation quilts. Cathy Lee has volunteered to put one of the quilt tops together. We appreciate the help. Elena Ortiz was the lucky winner of a Batik Strip Set for her donation to the Guild's *Block of the Month* effort!



Joanie Martin worked her magic and completed the quilt top using our high heeled shoe blocks and the paper pieced lipstick blocks that were donated. Doesn't it look great?

If you have 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

By the time you are reading this, spring will have sprung! Yay! It's a pleasant and welcome season in our area. Also pleasant and welcome at our last meeting were donations of a quilt top and back and fabric for the stash from **Janet Nuxoll**, 3 finished comfort quilts from **Jan Kinney**, and 6 quilt tops from **Lois Light**. It was great to see Lois once again after an absence of several months; she is certainly a mainstay of our guild's donation program.

We were able to deliver 4 quilts to hospice last month, and 3 quilts to DaVita dialysis centers. By chance, there were no babies' or children's quilts available for Marjaree Mason Shelter Program or Kases4Kids. In the midst of the excitement about Three Yard Quilts, please remember that many sizes of quilts, larger and smaller, continue to be needed for the various agencies awaiting our quilts. Fabric, batting, free quilting, and binding services are ready to support your efforts so sewing can be a joy and not a chore. Whatever you make will find a home in our community and bring joy to others as well.

MEMBER NEWS

CONDOLENCES Our condolences go out to our member **Tracy Newkirk** and her family in the passing of her husband.

CONGRATULATIONS Our member **Teresa Orr** has completed her very grueling treatment of Chemo and Radiation treatments. We wish her continued success in her battle with cancer.



DOTTIE'S FINDINGS – Dottie Daybell

Findings March 2023

1. This is months early for a Christmas project, but I might forget if I don't post it now! Louise tells us about her placemats, with their interesting color scheme. I especially like her adaptation of a wreath pattern where she filled in the center. The wreath is simpler than it looks, with ten FPP wedges.

<https://feelincrafty.wordpress.com/2022/12/26/christmas-mini-quilts-i-mean-placemats/>

<https://wife-made.com/free-christmas-wreath-mini-quilt/>

2. Patriotic BOM: Another very nice star block!

<https://geometriquilt.com/2023/02/05/sunday-sketch-345/>

There's no exact pattern, but it uses simple units in a 5-patch grid to make a 10" or 15" block: squares, HSTs and Triangle-in-a-Square. I like the Tri-Recs ruler for those last units. Make your units 2.5" finished for a 10" block, 3.5" for a 15-inch block.

3. Cathy found a pattern for pieced boys and girls, and improved it. She's using the blocks for this year's Rainbow Scrap Challenge.

<https://saneandcrazy.blogspot.com/2022/12/evolution.html>

4. I like the various ways Elaine enlarged these blocks, instead of just adding plain strips all around. Some of them used more of the same fabrics, but they'd probably work with scrappier additions, too.

<https://fabric406.com/blogs/fabric406-blog/7-orphan-quilt-blocks-reimagined>

5. Barbara Brackman shows us an unusual star quilt. It looks like a Lone Star, until you notice the feathery edges on the octagonal rings. If you feel like doing some daredevil piecing, she's figured out the pattern.

<http://barbarabrackman.blogspot.com/2023/01/pinata-one-of-kind.html>

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.

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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 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Home () or Cell ()

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

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG TO OUR MEETINGS!

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.com 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 20th day of the month.**

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2023

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

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| Mar 3-5 th | Folsom Quilt & Fiber Quilt Show, 52 Natoma St, Folsom,
https://www.folsomquilt.org/quilt-show-2023.html |
| Mar 9 | SJVQG General Meeting –Spring Tea and make tea cup pin cushion
Annual Quilt Challenge will be introduced |
| Mar 10 | Sew-in for Dream Bags @ First Presbyterian Church, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. |
| Mar 14 | Coffee Chat 11-a.m. – Noon via Zoom |
| Mar 16 | SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. |
| Mar 21 | Sew-in for Dream Bags @ Carolee Clayton’s home |
| Mar 23 | Sew-in for Dream Bags @ Cathy Lee’s home |
| 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 |
| Apr 14-15 | Best of the Valley Quilt Show - 365 N. Sweet Brier * Lindsay, CA 93247
www.botvquilts.com |
| Apr 20 | SJVQG Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Apr 21 | Sew-in for Dream Bags @ Joanie Martin’s home |
| May 6 | Guild Studio Tour – Tickets \$10 |
| May 6-7 | Pine Tree Quilt Show, Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, CA
http://www.pinetreequiltguild.com/ |
| May 11 | SJVQG General Meeting - Last Chance Auction |
| May 18 | SJVQG Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. |
| May 20-21 | Sierra Mountain Quilters – Gateway to Yosemite Quilt Show
Oakhurst Community Center, 39800 Road 425B, Oakhurst CA |

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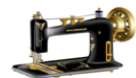
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May 20-21, 2023

Sat: 10am-5pm

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www.sierramountainquilters.org



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