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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2023

Summertime is almost here and it's my favorite time of the year. I know, it's really, really hot and often uncomfortable. But there are swimming parties, barbecues, fireworks, trips to the beach and to the lake, and all the fun stuff we can do outdoors. It's the time of year when I put aside my quilting for a short while and relax.

While I am relaxing I am thinking about this year, the projects I have worked on, the bags and quilts I have completed as well as the things the Guild has accomplished this year. Did you know we are well on our way to completing over 300 comfort quilts? We have made and donated more than 50 duffle bags and accessory bags to Kases for Kids. And, we are looking at fulfilling our goal of making and filling 50 Dream Bags for the Dream Bags Project. I wonder where we will go from here? What will we do next? Has anyone approached you and asked for our help? Have you seen a need that we can fulfill? Please keep your eyes and ears open along with your compassionate hearts. Our skills are great! We can accomplish anything we set our minds and hearts to doing.

#### P.S.

Our Guild is very fortunate. Since 2020, when people started clearing out their collections of fabric and notions, the Guild has received the benefit of several large, very generous donations of fabric, supplies and tools. The donations have enabled us to continue to support our community with "masks", an increased number of comfort quilts, duffle bags and accessory bags for Kases for Kids as well as beginning the bags for the Dream Bag Project.

So, while you are relaxing this summer, keep thinking how we can continue to provide comfort to our community. And, I will be thinking of helpful ideas, as well.

Happy Summer Days,

Diana Gardner President

#### **GUILD HYBRID MEETINGS**

**The June meeting will be held**<u>in-person only</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>sjvqg1@gmail.com</u>.

#### **IMPORTANT BIG ZOOM NEWS!!!!** The SJVQG has their own new ZOOM account.

The next time you sign on to ZOOM to join a meeting, coffee chat or an on-line class, you will need to use our new link...and no password is necessary!

# https://zoom.us/j/92189301993

No Password Required

Or if you go to zoom.us – hit join at the top, then enter the meeting ID ID: 92189301993

#### 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 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! June 13 & 27<sup>th</sup> – July 11 & 25 <u>https://zoom.us/j/92189301993</u>

#### **BOOK AND FABRIC RAFFLE – Elena Walthour**

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

Elena announced the raffle winners for fabric were Terri Meyers and Fanchon Owen. The winners of the books were Sharon Weber and Joyce Gonzalez.

#### PROGRAMS - Joanie Martin Join Zoom Meetings at <u>https://zoom.us/j/92189301993</u> or Log In to <u>ZOOM.US</u> and enter Meeting ID: 921 8930 1993

**June Program: Challenge Quilt**. Our meeting in June will be all about "The Quilted Phrase,", our challenge quilt for this year. Quilt perimeter must be no larger than 72 inches and must represent the idiom you selected. Quilters who chose to participate should bring their quilt in a paper bag. (please come to the meeting at 6:30 so we can get the quilts ready for display) You will be given a piece of paper to put your quilted phrase on the front of your quilt as no one will see the back of your quilt until after the show. Once the quilts are up, the judge will have a chance to select a first (\$100), second (\$75), third (\$50) and viewers' choice (\$25). If you have any questions or need an idiom, call or text Joanie Martin at 559-285-6228

While this is happening, we will conduct our meeting other than our raffle drawings, including another short presentation by **Debbie Gira** on borders.

At the break members will have an opportunity to take a look at the quilts and vote for viewers' choice, and get their tickets for book and fabric. We'll award the prizes, and then will have all of the quilters display their quilts in front of us. **CHALLENGE QUILT PRIZES** 

1st Place - \$100 \*\*\* 2nd Place - \$75 \*\*\* 3rd Place - \$50 \*\*\* Viewers' Choice - \$25

July Program: Members' Services Presentations – Presentations by members who provide services to quilters. If you are a member that offers a service that quilters could use and you would like to personally tell our members about your service, please contact Joanie Martin at <u>imjogg@pacbell.net</u>, to reserve a spot for your presentation.

#### **SEW-IN INFORMATION**

Our guild is planning a 'chemo hat' sew-in. As soon as we have secured a 'sew-in' room we will send out an eblast with the date, time and place. This will be a fun and easy project making simple hats from a 24" x 12" piece of fleece. Our 'sew-ins' are usually held on a Friday as it is easier to secure a location. It is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow quilt members and to provide a service to a community group that is going through a difficult time.

#### **MEMBER NEWS**

Our sympathy to the family of a long-time member and friend to the guild, **Nancy Lord**, who passed away last week. Sympathy cards can be sent to her daughters at Nancy's address in our directory.

Wishes for speedy recovery go out to Judy Gagnebin who is back home after surgery. Glad you are back Judy.

## THE STUDIO TOUR

A special thank you to **Teresa Orr** for organizing the tour and to all the members who helped. Thank you to the wonderful hostesses who opened their homes and sewing rooms for the Studio Tour. **Barbara Pearson, Donna Chipperfield, Nancy Christian, Tracy Newkirk, Teresa Orr** and **Susan Schara & Beverly Kuykendall** at the **Stash** We would also like to thank **D & J Sewing** and **Kiki's Quilt Shack** who provided a discount and some goodies for our members on the tour. **Teresa Orr** presented winners of the raffle baskets to:

Gloria Ban

Sandy Woods Barbara Preciado (accepted by Irene Allen)







PHOTOS FROM THE STUDIO TOUR



## OPPORTUNITY QUILT 2023-2024 'California Dreamin'



Ticket sales will start in the near future for our 'California Dreamin' Opportunity Quilt. The quilt was made and donated by Joanie Martin.

#### **MEMBERSHIP – Shannon Mueller**

**Please remember to sign in when you arrive at our monthly guild meetings.** If you bring a guest, please have them sign in at the membership table. That is also where you can pick up your **membership card** to get discounts at local quilt shops.

WELCOME to our newest members – Gloria Faye Bans, Marilyn Johnson and returning member Sandy Woods. We look forward to getting to know you and learning from each other.

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. For *new* members who join the guild during June, July, or August, payment of the \$35 dues will include membership for the upcoming year starting in September. Applications can be found on the website at **sjvqg.net**. Payment can be made at the monthly meeting or mailed with your application.

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 to the following members with June birthdays.

Fanchon Owen	Edna Wright	Diane Sakamoto	Shannon Brown	Karen Severson

#### DOWN SYNDROME ASSOC. OF CENTRAL CA LONG ARM HELP WANTED

Our new member, **Marilyn Johnson**, makes between ten to twenty small quilts a year for babies born with Down Syndrome. The quilts may also be given to the parents prenatally along with very helpful and encouraging books and information about Down Syndrome.

The size is approximately 36-40" by 36-40". Marilyn has a personal interest in the Down Syndrome Association and has been supplying the quilts for a while. If you are a longarmer who would like to help her by donating some quilting you can contact Marilyn at 559-816-5085 or georgeandmerniej@cs.com.

## THREE YARD QUILTS Barbara Pearson and Carol Shervem

During the last several months we have distributed 50 *Three Yard Quilt* kits to many of our members. The response has been beyond our expectations. Many of the returned kits are completed or are in the process of having backs prepared by **Beverly Kuykendall** and quilted **by Kim Killian, Susan Schara** or **Barbara Pearson**. All of these completed quilts will be distributed throughout the year to the organizations we usually donate our comfort quilts to.

Additional quilt kits will be available at our meetings. A few pattern clarifications are as follows:

- 1) Please return any unused fabric.
- 2) **Bindings: Do not** use the directions in the pattern of 1 ¼" WOF. If there is enough fabric, please cut the binding at 2 ½" WOF.
- 3) Three Yard Quilt patterns are interchangeable. You can use *any* Three Yard Quilt pattern. We do have additional patterns to choose from. In some cases, your quilts can be downsized to fit the preferred comfort quilt sizes previously released by the Guild and available on the website in the section for Patterns.

Thank you for your continued support of our service projects.



## **OPPORTUNITY QUILT 2022-2023**

The very lucky winner of our 2022-2023 Opportunity Quilt was **Irma Condor**. Irma purchased her winning ticket while attending the Women's Conference in Fresno. She was presented with the quilt at our May meeting.



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

This month, we have a fun **Men's Bow Tie** block for you to make. Use any color you want for the shirt and tie, but use white for the border. The E-blast refers you to our website for downloading this pattern and all previous BOM patterns. Only a few copies of each month's BOM pattern will be available for distribution at Guild meetings.







Last month, you created colorful hot air balloon blocks that will be assembled to make two cheery quilt tops. Thanks so much for your generous contributions. Sharon Weber was the lucky winner of our drawing.

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.



#### WORKS IN PROGRESS 50/50 RAFFLE – Donna Chipperfield

There is still plenty of time to participate in the WIP 50/50 raffle. Anyone who participates will benefit...even if you do not win the raffle. It is a great incentive to complete some of those projects sitting on a shelf. All you have to do is create a list of no more than ten quilt related works (quilts, bags, clothing, etc.) you have in progress and not yet finished. Turn that list, along with a \$10 donation into Donna. For each item that is completed, a ticket will be entered for you in the raffle. You must bring and show your completed item at a guild meeting and have Donna mark it completed on your list. Don't forget to make a copy of your list...so you remember which items you need to finish. The winner of the raffle will receive one-half of the donations for the contest. The drawing will be at the December meeting.

## WIN A \$250 12-MONTH SET OF BLOCK OF THE MONTH. Carol Shervem

For only one \$5 ticket you can have the chance to take home this fantastic package. Starting at our April meeting you can purchase your tickets at \$5 a piece. During the sale we need to reach a minimum of \$75 before we can draw a winner. However, if we don't get that much in sales we will continue on to the next month until we reach the \$75 minimum.

We have 5 sets of different Blocks of the Month to raffle so this will continue every other month.



STRAWBERRY HILL QUILT



#### SPECIAL MARJORIE MASON DONATION

**Beverly Kuykendall** and **Susan Schara** presented a red, white, and black star quilt that they created as a donation to the Marjoree Mason Center. The Marjoree Mason Center had requested a special quilt from our guild so they could auction it as a fund raiser for their Center. A special thank you to **Beverly, Susan, Fanchon Owen** and **Barbara Pearson** who all worked on this beautiful donation quilt.



#### **COMFORT QUILT NEWS – Susan Schara**

At our last meeting, the comfort quilt tables were covered with an abundance of quilts! Many had just come back from our volunteer long- arm quilters and from our incredible binder, **Fanchon Owen**. Others had been turned in by members who made quilts from start to finish: **Jan Kinney** (2), **Donna Coppin** (2), and **Karen Coy** (3). **Elena Ortiz** contributed a quilt top, and Lois Light brought a quilt with hand quilting, just needing a little more quilting to be ready for binding. Thank you, one and all, for providing a "mini quilt show" for those who attended the meeting. What an inspiring collection!

Our deliveries included 11 quilts to the Marjaree Mason Center, 7 to Bristol Hospice, and 10 to DaVita dialysis centers. Again, thank you to the guild members who made it possible for us to support these community resources.



## DOTTIE'S FINDINGS – Dottie Daybell

#### **FINDINGS JUNE 2023**

1. Gladi is a retired physician living in New Hampshire. She makes beautiful quilts, often with pieced centers and appliqued vine borders. She posted a tutorial on how she makes her borders, with an added note at the end of her next blog post (which is also an interesting post).

https://gladiquilts.wordpress.com/2023/04/17/april-17-2023-vine-tutorial/ https://gladiquilts.wordpress.com/2023/04/26/april-26-2023-out-of-my-comfort-zone-hand-work-earthlydelights/

Here's her gallery of quilts:

https://gladiquilts.net/gallery/

2. Patriotic BOM: this pattern from Andover Fabrics uses flying geese and HST pinwheels, with a planned color placement:

https://www.andoverfabrics.com/Quilts/Star%20Spangled%20by%20Andover%20Fabrics.pdf

3. I like Wanda's half-rectangle design:

https://exuberantcolor.blogspot.com/2023/04/enough-blocks.html https://exuberantcolor.blogspot.com/2023/04/top-sewn.html

4. Krista Moser shows us how to make straight sides on her diamond quilts:

https://www.kristamoser.com/post/filling-in-those-gaps-1

5. Patty has designed an interesting quilt. No pattern, but she does show you the cut pieces.

https://www.elmstreetquilts.com/2023/05/magenta-pantone-fractal-quilt.html

6. A new Halloween Mystery Quilt, free from the Fat Quarter Shop:

https://www.fatquartershop.com/sew-alongs/haunted-halloween











## 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					
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E-mail Please <b>PRINT</b> all characters legibly.					
New Member Renewal	Month of your birth				
Are you a Past President? Charter Member?					
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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 <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 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**.

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

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2023**

#### FOR ALL ZOOM EVENTS USE THE LINK

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Or if you go to zoom.us – hit join at the top, then enter the meeting ID ID: 92189301993

The general meetings are now "hybrid" when possible– Join in-person at the church or via ZOOM.

- Jun 8 SJVQG General Meeting Challenge Quilt showing and awards and **Debbie Gira**
- Jun 13 SJVQG Coffee Chat Zoom 11a.m. Noon
- Jun 15 SJVQG Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Jun 15-17 Quilt Show Reno, https://www.quiltshowreno.com/reno.html Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E. Second Street, Reno, NV 89595
- Jun 27 SJVQG Coffee Chat Zoom 11a.m. Noon
- Jul 6-7 Long Beach International Quilt Festival, Long Beach CA https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-long-beach/
- Jul 11 SJVQG Coffee Chat Zoom 11a.m. Noon
- Jul 13 SJVQG General Meeting Presentations from Members who offer services For quilters
- Jul 20 SJVQG Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Jul 25 SJVQG Coffee Chat Zoom 11a.m. Noon
- Aug 8 SJVQG Coffee Chat Zoom 11a.m. Noon
- Aug 10 SJVQG General Meeting
- Aug 17 SJVQG Board Meeting
- Aug 22 SJVQG Coffee Chat Zoom 11a.m. Noon
- Oct 14-15 Kings River Quilt Festival, Reedley College Cafeteria-Student Center 995 N Reed, Reedley, CA

CHECK OUT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADS AT THE END OF NEWSLETTER

## HANDIQUILTER FORTE LONGARM FOR SALE

One-year-old HandiQuilter Forte longarm quilting machine with Pro-Stitcher on a 12-foot frame. Has leaders and zippers for easy set-up. Only used for nine baby quilts. Must sell as we have to downsize to less than half the living space we previously had.

Asking \$22,000 or best offer. Willing to have it professionally moved to the Fresno/Madera area. If interested, call **Marilyn at (559) 816-5085**.



## TUTTO SEWING MACHINE CASE FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 2XL Red Nylon Tutto sewing machine case in Great Condition. Fits most heavy, monster machines. Interior 28" Wide, 18" Height, 14" Depth Front unzips for easy placement of the machine or it can be loaded through the top. Two side pockets plus zippered pockets on the front/back for storage. Folds for storage and has a puller bar to roll easily.

Currently retails for \$300 or more. Asking \$200. Call/Text Barbara 392-6683







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