

South Bay Quilters Guild

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President's Corner

Pam Overton

A new year and time to review those inevitable New Year's resolutions that we all make! As for me I think it's time to visit the Intra-Guild table and add some UFO's to my long list of unfinished projects. Hopefully I can work on those UFOs this year and check some off that list! How about you?

Many thanks to Mary Ann Sereth and her set up/clean up team. The Holiday Dinner was great fun and we all enjoyed a sumptuous meal cooked by someone else! And, of course, it's always a treat to have Mary Ann and Walter provide the seasonal music to help put us in a holiday mood.

Our Quilt Show has been granted official Centennial Event status by the Torrance Centennial Committee. It's an honor and we're proud to be part of the Centennial celebration! As some of you may know, in the 80's the guild created a commemorative quilt for the City of Torrance and presented it to the city. It has been on display in City Hall since then. The city has made arrangements to provide the quilt to us for display at our quilt show. That quilt celebrates historical sites throughout the city. With this 100th anniversary celebration in full swing this year, the board has discussed the possibility of the guild creating a Centennial quilt for the city. It won't be large but it will take many hands to prepare it in time for the city's big ribbon cutting event in September. Are you interested in helping to plan and create this quilt? Please call or send me an e-mail. We'll set up a planning meeting in a few weeks and invite all interested members to join us!

It's also time to organize my new sewing room. Hopefully we'll soon be moving back into the house and I will finally be able to store my fabric and supplies efficiently. I'm currently working with the "cabinet guy" to design the cabinets and storage

to optimize the space. I'm probably not the only guild member that is hoping to "organize the sewing room" this year. Do you have some nifty storage ideas that you've implemented? Let me know and I'll share them in future columns!

What other plans do I have for the New Year? With our troops still in Afghanistan and much in need of quilts for the hospitals, I'm hoping to complete a wounded warrior top each month! How about you?

Our quilt show is just around the corner and the layout will be determined next week. Please remember to check at the Acquisition table at the January meeting to pick up your quilt show acceptance letter. Have you signed up to work at the show yet? It really does take "all hands on deck" to set up, support the show through the weekend, and take down the show. Please check the Quilt Show article elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.

Janet and Helen have a great line up of speakers and programs for us this year. And Carollee has already begun to plan for the 2012 Fashion Show!

Best wishes to you and your family . . . may 2012 be a year filled with happiness and good health!

Pam ♦♦

Travel - Joann Kennelly

Road to California is just around the corner. Are you planning to attend? Why not join us on the guild bus trip? The cost is \$42 and includes admission to the show. You won't have to battle the traffic or worry about where to park! We do need a minimum of 30 people for this trip to go and unfortunately are short of that number right now. Interested in joining us? Please call Joann Kennelly to add your name to the list.♦♦



You are invited to Dinner

Your are invited to dine with the speaker!
Come join for dinner, at the "Top Wok" restaurant for our pre-guild dinner. Top Wok is located at 1252 Beryl Street, Redondo Beach.

(Next to the Hallmark shop and Vons.)
310-318-3072.

Please arrive by 5pm, Tuesday Jan. 17th. Call Janet Coggins and she will save you a seat! ♦♦



Calendar



Jan 10	Community Service—Sweatshop at Levy Adult School, 3420 W. 229th Place, Torrance, in <u>Room 7</u> 7:00 PM—9:00 PM.
Jan 17	Guild Meeting at at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 301 Avenue D, Redondo Beach. Doors open at 6:30 Meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. Remember to bring canned goods!
Jan 18	Workshop at St. Andrews from 9:00 A.M.— 3:00 P.M
Jan 24	Quilt Show Meeting at Ascension Lutheran School, Room B at 7:00 PM.
Feb 3	Newsletter Deadline! Please send all newsletter articles to Carol Berg
Feb 7	Guild Board meeting at Marie Calendar’s near intersection of Hawthorne and Torrance Blvd. in Torrance . Business meeting begins at 6:30pm. All members are welcome!

Refreshments



Refreshments will be served at our guild meeting. If your last name begins with “C” or “D” please bring a snack for 15 - 20 people. I have had requests for recipes for some handmade snacks, if you'd like to

share, I'm sure it will be appreciated.♦♦

Programs

Janet Coggins and Helen Lu

January Speaker:

Laura Wasilowski: "Art Quilts, the Musical"

Laura is visiting us from Elgin, Illinois and is a master of fusing art quilts. She has a new book "Fanciful Stitches, Colorful Quilts".

Laura is both a contemporary quilt maker and creator of hand-dyed fabrics and threads. Her pictorial art quilts are created from fused fabrics and hand-embroidery or machine quilting. She has an undergraduate degree in Costuming and Masters in Art. She is the owner of her dye shop, Artfabrik.

www.artfabrik.com.

Sunshine and Shadows

Sunshine—Lois Pio will have collection of her quilts included in the El Camino College art Gallery “In Tandem” show featuring work by five artist couples. (Her husband’s artwork will also be shown.) The show opens February 13 through March 9, 2012. The Gallery is located at 16007 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, CA. The Gallery hours are Mon & Tues 9-4; Wed & Thurs 12-8, closed Fridays and weekends. Admission is free, parking is \$2.00. For more information www.elcamino.edu/commadv/ArtGallery/index.html. Congratulations!!

Sunshine—Lois Grover's son recently retired from the military! Congratulations!!

Shadow—Please send your prayers to John Christmas (Raylene's husband) who is currently in the hospital.♦♦

2012 Quilt Show “Twist on Tradition”

Stephania Bommarito

Quilt Show Auction – We really appreciate the **25** auction quilts that have been turned in at the past meetings. However, we still need to double that amount. A big thank you to everyone who has been creating/finishing a quilt since the crazy holiday rush. All quilts **must be** turned in at the **January** meeting. Ruby and Claudia will be happy to accept all donations. Remember to put a sleeve on the back of the quilt. Plus, an entry form that describes the quilt are available on the Form section of the webpage or at the meeting.

Opportunity Quilt Tickets – Nancy Jengo would like to have everyone return the monies and ticket stubs collected from your sold tickets. They need to be turned in **BEFORE** the quilt show. She will be glad to accept them at the January meeting or mail them to her.

Staffing- Sign-ups are still being taken for various tasks at the quilt show. There are still many positions that need to be filled in many different areas. Please call Jean Newton if you have not yet signed up for three hours. She will also be available at the January meeting to fill in the empty spots with members.

Acquisitions – Thank you to everyone who submitted quilts and garments. The show will be terrific again!! Be sure to have a 4-inch sleeve on your quilt regardless of size.

We need a **minimum of 15** quilts to be judged. The judge provides constructive criticism and praise for your quilt. Currently we only have only 8 quilts that will be judged. We need at least 7 more or we will have to cancel this tremendous opportunity.

If you are having your **quilt judged** please turn it in at the **January guild meeting** (Jan. 17) at the acquisitions table. They will be kept safe and hung on the eve of the quilt show. If this early submission is a problem, please contact Melanie Dreike to make alternate arrangements. The judging the will take place the week prior to the show so it's important that we have them in hand no later than **February 11th**.

Everyone else needs to **bring their quilts and garments to the Torrance Cultural Arts Center on Friday, February 17**. Plus, When you receive your quilt acceptance letter **please read it!!**

Quilt Show Pins – Diane Miller will have pins available at the January meeting.

Quilt Show Presale Tickets – Nancy Payne will have tickets available at the January meeting at \$6.00 per ticket.. See her at the membership table. They are available until February 1st. Contact Nancy and mail her a check no later than February 1st.

Road to California – Our Opportunity Quilt “Floral Fantasy” will be hanging at the 2012 Road to California Show on Friday, January 20. **Thank you** to everyone who signed up to white glove or sell tickets. Call Dee Evans if you are available as she still has some spots that need to be filled.

Quilt Show Meeting – The next meeting is January 24 at 7:00 pm. It will be at Ascension Lutheran School, Room B.

Stephania Bommarito

Workshops

There are currently openings in all the upcoming classes. Sign up **NOW!**

January 18 Workshop

Laura Wasilowski - Four Little Landscapes

Create 4 little landscapes and place them in fabulous fabric frames. Learn how free-cutting, pattern building and improvisation can dress up a simple view of sky and ground. Your colorful kit (\$20) of hand dyed fabrics is designed to make 4 individual fused quilts, show them separately or combine them for a larger art quilt. No sewing machine needed. ♦♦



February 22, 2012

Rosemary Eichorn- Collage Crash Course

Note: Held at St. Andrews Church
This class puts the emphasis on the development of techniques for fiber collage. You'll learn easy and effective ways to improve your sense of design and color. Lots of information on using metallic and novelty threads for free motion stitching. Rosemary's unique piped and shaped edge techniques are covered and methods are reinforced with handouts. ♦♦



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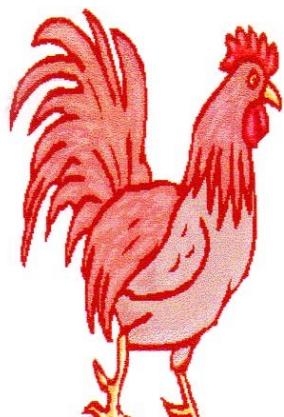
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2013 Opportunity Quilt

Alex Tsubota has been busy creating a unique basket quilt. She has kits available for both beginner and intermediate piecers and appliquéers. If you would like to make one, please see Alex at the meeting. She will also gladly accept any and all blocks that you have completed. ♦♦



**NINA'S
QUILT BARN**

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There are no pictures on-line this month. If anyone took pictures at the December meeting please forward to Carol Berg.

Membership

Stephania Bommarito
Nancy Payne

Name Badges – Thank you to all members who have picked up their badges. For those who still have not picked them up, they will be available at the January meeting.

Membership Booklets – The booklets will be available at the January meeting. The membership directory is available on SBQG website under the Members section. Thus, we are printing only a small supply of booklets. Thank you for helping the guild to continue to “GO Green”. Come by the table if you are interested in having a hard copy.

New Members – We welcome back Cindy Murry and Luella Fournell as returning members to our guild.

Be sure to stop by the Membership table and sign in. Our January door prize will be a \$10.00 gift certificate from Momen+ in Old Town Torrance.

Have a great quilting new year! See you at the January meeting.

Nancy and Stephania

Intra-Guild

Dee Evans & Tracy Finnell

Welcome 2012!

Strip Swap – We'll make this very simple and fun. In the end, you'll end up with a cute little throw that takes no time at all to put together. To participate you need to bring in 40 strips of 2 ½ wide fabric. This should be good quality quilter's cotton. No holiday themes, please. It can be any color or print, from one fabric or from several. Bring them to a guild meeting in January, February, or March. During the April guild meeting, come pick up your swapped strips and the pattern for a quick and easy quilt. Stop by and see the samples.

UFO Challenge – Did you get some of these done for the holidays? Come over and update the notebook.

Christmas Stockings – Thank you to everyone for such a generous outpouring of service.

Trivia Question – Did you know that you should wash your cutting mat?

Cleaning – *To prolong the life of any cutting mat, keep it clean. We recommend using your favorite all-purpose household spray cleaner or warm water and mild detergent. Avoid abrasive cleansers and solvents that can damage the mat or remove the printed markings. Use a lint roller or a napped lint brush to remove surface lint and fabric crumbs. A nylon net scrubber can be used to loosen any stubborn dirt or debris on your cutting mat. Microfiber cleaning cloths/towels can also be used to remove tiny fibers from knife cuts on your cutting mats. Thanks to www.cutting-mats.net◇◇*

COMMUNITY SERVICE—Janet Akman

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We are looking forward to another productive year of supporting our broader community.

Julie and Arlene will be accepting quilts for CASA and Wounded Warriors.



Please be sure we have your name and name of book on the list. Please put your name on the back of the quilt so we can easily identify the maker.

HOORAY HOORAY! Sweatshops are moving back to Levy School this year. We are confirmed for January 10th in Room 7. See Mary's article for additional information.

We will continue to collect items for the Department of Child Services. Coming soon to our website will be the DCS project statement including the types of items and age ranges for these backpacks. If you need a refresher before it gets posted to the website you can check the November newsletter. Also remember St. Andrews Food Pantry. Their primary need is for meats and fruit. Your support is always appreciated.♦♦

With Love Quilt Project...

YOU did it! Thanks to your group efforts, we were able to deliver the following items during the Christmas season:

- Miller Childrens Hospital~~10 quilts and 7 pillowcases
- SAGE House~~50 quilts and 33 pounds of toiletries
- Adoption Information Center~~30 quilts, 130 stockings and 8 pounds of toiletries
- S.H.A.W.L. House~~20 quilts, 20 stockings, 6 pounds of toiletries and 18 little boxes of See's candies
- South Bay Senior Services~~100 quilts and 42 pounds of toiletries ...which all adds up to...

210 quilts

- 150 stockings
- 89 pounds of toiletries
- 7 pillowcases

18 little boxes of See's candies

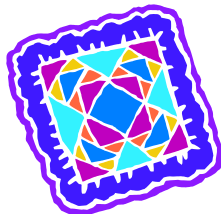
You're wonderful... you never stop giving. Your collective energy warms my heart every day. Thank you!

Read Me a Quilt

We collected 9 quilts at our Christmas meeting. They are wonderful quilts. Thank you Lucia Petrarca (3 quilts), Pam Overton (2), Janann Nakano, Cindy Murry, Bev Mulligan and Sandy Caseltine. I know that 9 children were very happy to receive these quilts. Many of the books were especially generous.

Keep up the good work.

Julie Maas♦♦



We're back at Levy School, 3420 W. 229th Place, (Torrance) for our second Tuesday sweatshops! Mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Room 7. If you've never participated in this fun event, do consider it this year. We form a production line and sandwich 60 to 80 quilts... really. Everyone can help. Bring a sewing machine if possible, but if hauling your sewing machine around doesn't appeal to you, just bring your big scissors and maybe a pointy chopstick. New members, this is a great way to meet new people.

Plans for the Mini-New to You sale(s) are coming together for the January, February and March meetings. These little sales will take place only before the meeting, or to put it another way, **nothing will be sold at break time.** We'll send out an email prior to the meeting listing all items (and low, low prices) featured each month so you can plan ahead and stoke your wallet with enough cash. ♦♦

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Quilts for Wounded Warriors

Requirements: Size: 48" by 78" (stretcher size), All cotton (including batting, 80/20 acceptable), Appropriate patriotic theme/design, optional: Pillowcase, 20"x30", coordinating fabric

We closed out 2011 by sending a box of 6 quilts to both combat hospitals in Afghanistan in December, along with your holiday cards. This lovely quilt with patriotic dogs, made by new Guild member Mary McHale, is sure to bring smiles to a wounded warrior. I heard from the head medics in both hospitals saying the "beautiful quilts arrived" and thanking you for the "wonderful quilts made for our wounded warriors."



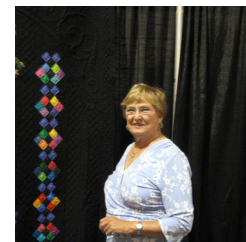
As we start 2012, please be aware that there is still a great need for our warrior quilts so anything you can contribute will be deeply appreciated.

I'd like to try adding a team effort this year, to increase our numbers and give more members the opportunity to participate however they can – but all ideas are welcomed. Please note this will not replace your individual hand-crafted quilts, but give those who may not be able to make an individual quilt the chance to help in some way. I'll explain more at our January Guild and have a sign-up sheet at our Community Services table. There will also be some yardage suitable for backing, free for your warrior quilts.

Happy New Year, and thanks for your support of our wounded warriors in combat hospitals!♦♦

Patchwork Star—Diane Miller

By Carol Thomas



Our first Patchwork Star for 2012 is a true local. She was born in San Pedro and still lives there. Three of her four children and four grandchildren live nearby. Many of you know Diane Miller because she has been active in the South Bay Quilters Guild since 1996 and has been a teacher at Luella's Quilt Basket for over six years. She has served as Travel Chair and Membership Chair and now serves on the Quilt Show Board as Pin Chair.

Diane Miller, not surprisingly, was a 1st grade teacher before retiring in 1996. She started quilting and joined the guild the same year. She had learned to embroider and sew from her mother at 6 or 7 years of age and says she did very poorly in Home Economics because she couldn't sew a straight seam. Anyone who has seen Diane's lovely quilts will find this difficult to believe! Diane likes all types of quilting and has tried them all, but her passion is creating realistic looking scenes from fabric.

Diane is now working at AAA Sewing as a facilitator for their Tuesday Morning Sewing Group as she did at Luella's for several years and teaching various classes there as well. She has another part time position as a step-on tour guide for visitors to Los Angeles and has been doing this for 30 years. She also enjoys reading and travel.

We look forward to seeing some of Diane's creations at the January General Meeting! What a great way to start off the New Year!♦♦

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 much more**

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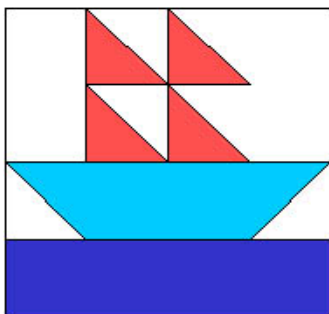


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Upcoming Events

- January 19-22** **Road to California** - Thursday - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.,
 Sunday 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Ontario Convention Center**, Ontario CA Wednesday, January
 18. Preview Night, Wednesday, January 18
 Visit www.road2ca.com to register for workshops
- February 19-23** **Santa Barbara Quilting Retreat** with Gwen Marston and Freddy Moran February 19-23, 2012,
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ventura Registration is open at www.santabarbaraquiltingretreats.com.
 There is a commuter price listed and a 10% guild discount
- March 2 - 3** **Desert Guilds 2012 Quilt Show**, Desert Splendor. 10:00 am to 4:00 PM, Being held at the
 Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA. Host Guilds - Pass Patchers,
 Beaumont, CA., Coachella Valley Guild, Coachella Valley, CA. and Cactus Sewables, Yucca
 Valley, CA. Information PO Box 1181, Yucca Valley, CA 92286 or our website is
www.desertguildsquiltshow.com
- March 3 - 4** The **Friendship Square Quilt Guild presents** "A Garden of Friendship Quilts" on display at
 our quilt show at the La Habra Community Center located at 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra.
 We will also have tickets available for our Opportunity Quilt, " Nature's Friends". Visit our web-
 site for more details. www.fsqq.org
- March 16, 17, 18** **Quilting Green** - 33rd Annual Glendale Quilt Guild Show March 16, 17, 18 2012 Friday & Sat-
 urday 10-5, Sunday 10-4 Burbank Airport Marriott 2500 Hollywood Way Burbank, CA Entries
 from non-members and members www.glendalequiltguild.org



South Bay Quilters Guild
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Guild Meeting:

Meeting begins at 7:00

January 17, 2011

Reminders:

- Wear your Name Tag
- Invite a friend to the meeting

