



# South Bay Quilters Guild

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## *President's Corner - Donna Bowker and Alex Tsubota*

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season. Did you all make any New Year's Resolutions? I love to make them each year. They usually last about 2 weeks, but one time I think I made it all the way to February. That doesn't deter me though- I still make them each year. How much fun is it to imagine all my projects completed, home-cooked dinners every night and being back to my high school weight. Hmm...those last two might be mutually exclusive.

Our Holiday Dinner was a resounding success! Our grateful thanks to Sue Glass, and those who worked with her, for all the beautiful decorations. The food was delicious and plentiful, and the quilt-tying was fun and productive. Excellent prizes as well; thank you Mary Shadbourne and others.

We have a great year to look forward to- some wonderful speakers and workshops, our quilt show and our intra-guild project picks back up this month. Come join us as we kick off 2017 at the January guild meeting.

## *Programs / Workshops - Gina Shankle & Stephanie Bommarito*

Happy New Year!!! Hopefully everyone had a wonderful (and non-eventful) holiday season. As for myself, I (Gina) have been extremely busy for the past several weeks. In case you haven't heard, I'm going to be stepping out of my position as SBQG Vice President of Programs effective immediately. My husband retired several years ago and the time has come for us to start the next phase of our life together – which means we're moving to North Carolina in early January. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the guild and am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served as an officer for the past several years. This guild is absolutely amazing (in terms of both the people and their quilting skills) and I've learned so much from y'all (yes, I'm practicing my Southern speak!!!). Thank you so much for your friendship and support and I wish you nothing but the best going forward. You will be missed!

Now, let's get down to business. Our next Saturday Sit-In is scheduled for this coming Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. As the primary instructor for this event, Pam Overton will show us how to make quilt sleeves (which we all need to do for our quilt show entries) as well as several different ways to bind our quilts. There will also be a group discussion on quilt labels. It should be an extremely informative – and FUN! – session, so please consider attending. Additional details are provided below.

➤ Our workshops are held at **AAA Sewing & Fabric** in Lomita from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. When you sign up for workshops, you can pay for them either by cash, check or credit card (Visa or MasterCard only). Registration is currently open for all of this year's classes, so don't miss out on taking the classes you want. Please contact Stephanie Bommarito (310-503-7989, [quiltwizard1024@gmail.com](mailto:quiltwizard1024@gmail.com)) if you are interested in attending any of the workshops.

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## Programs/Workshops (continued)

### ◆◆◆ Upcoming Speakers and Workshops

► **Dinner with the Speaker.** All guild members are invited to join us for dinner with the speaker at 4:45 p.m. on the night of our guild meetings. We meet at **Good Stuff** restaurant located at Ave I and PCH in the beginning of the Hollywood Riviera in south Redondo Beach. If you do plan on joining us, please call Stephania at 310-503-7989 to RSVP.

► January 7, 2017 Saturday Sit-In – Pam Overton, et al – **Finishing Your Quilts**

In this session, we'll talk about a variety of methods for making and attaching **hanging sleeves** to our quilts (with an emphasis on how it should be done for the upcoming SBQG Quilt Show) and talk about the need for making **labels** for our quilts. Demonstrations will also be given for several different methods for **binding and facing** quilts. Although the focus of this session will be discussion, feel free to bring your sewing machine if you'd like to try some of the techniques that will be discussed. This event will be held at **Nina's Quilt Barn from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.** and the cost is only \$10 per person. Registration is required, so please contact Stephania as soon as possible to sign up for this fun-filled event.

► January 17, 2017 – Sandy Corbin – **Making Scrappy Quilts Fresh**

Sandy has always loved using lots of different fabrics in her quilts and this love has led to her obsession with making scrappy quilts. In this presentation, Sandy will share her techniques for making scrappy quilts fresh and fun. She will also provide an amazing trunk show of her scrappy quilts for everyone to enjoy.

► January 18, 2017 Workshop – Sandy Corbin – **My Basket Collection**



Grab a wide variety of your scraps in all sizes, colors, and prints including polka dots, stripes, and plaids to create a set of non-traditional baskets. No two baskets will be alike in shape, size or handles. Let your imagination play with the look of each one whether whimsical, magical, quirky or amusing. Naturally the setting will be fanciful and original too.

► Additional information regarding Sandy Corbin and her amazing work can be found on her website (<http://www.sandycquilts.com>).

► February 21, 2017 – Debbie Maddy – **No Diamonds / No "Y" Seams: Old Quilts, New Methods**

In this informative presentation you will learn about the technique used to make Debbie's beautiful *No Diamond / No "Y" Seam* quilts. There will be a detailed discussion on the history of the blocks used and the journey from the first quilt that Debbie designed to the latest. The main portion of the presentation will be focused on viewing Debbie's amazing quilts.

► February 22, 2017 Workshop – Debbie Maddy – **Carpenter's Star**

This is a great class for fat quarter lovers with an extremely easy and fast quilt to piece with amazing results that look like hours were spent making diamonds. Discover Debbie's *No Diamonds/No "Y" Seams* technique that works like magic to make novice friendly patterns look like an expertly pieced masterpiece. The class includes instructions on how to arrange the fabrics for a stunning quilt, as well as how to pin and press for success. An added bonus will be insight into how to work with directional fabrics in your quilts.

► Please take a few minutes to visit Debbie's website at <http://www.calicocarriage.com> to learn more about her. The site also has an online shop as well as links to Debbie's blog and Craftsy class (among many other things).



► April 18, 2017 – Sheila Collins – **My Creative Journey from Fashion Designer to Fabric Artist**

Sheila loves to create dimensional, framed fabric art. Her art combines her background in fashion design, graphic design, and her love of sewing and quilting to produce fabric art that is dimensional, bright, cheerful, and fun. In this lecture, she will take us along on her journey to becoming the amazing fabric artist she is today.

► April 19, 2017 Workshop – Sheila Collins – **Mandala Blossom**



Sheila's love of flowers inspired the mandala design that you'll be making in this workshop. The fabric art is assembled using fusible applique and gluing. Dimension is achieved by building the design in layers and adding fabric covered buttons, a favorite of Sheila's. The background is a fabric-covered canvas. The result is a dimensional fabric art quilt that is bright, cheerful and fun.

► Please visit <http://www.sheilacollins.us> for additional information regarding Sheila Collins and her truly stunning work.

## ***Quilt Show - Julie Limbach-Jones***

**“World of Color” February 18-19, 2017**

We are fast approaching show weekend! Final preparations are underway.

Thank you to all of you who submitted a quilt for display. The **layout meeting** will be held shortly and letters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks to let you know which ones were accepted for display. We work very hard to try to fit everyone's entries in the show.

The January meeting will be the last opportunity to turn in an **Auction Quilt** or **Raffle Basket** donations. Both are still needed for this important fund-raising portion of our show. Requests for the raffle baskets include: books, patterns, fat quarters, notions (pins, scissors, rulers, seam rippers, marking pens, pin cushion, sewing supplies you use all the time!), Gift cards (any type would be good: craft/fabric stores, Amazon, manicure or any spa related card). Auction quilts can be any size or style! Please use the Auction Entry Form on the website (Members Only/Quilt Show section) to provide information about your quilt.

Our **Opportunity Quilt** will be on display at Road to California on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. To help create local interest in our show, Stephania has created a display of quilts in the glass case in the entrance of the main **Torrance library**. Remember to tell all your friends about the show and see Kay Salm if you need more **bookmarks or postcards**. Follow and "like" us on Facebook too.

Marie Cortez has **advance purchase tickets** available and Diane Miller has **show pins** for purchase.

Please be sure to turn in your **Opportunity Quilt and Sewing Machine** ticket stubs and money to Nancy Jengo at the January Guild meeting. It is a tremendous help to get these in *before* show weekend.

We plan to have **staffing letters** for you at the January meeting. If you haven't already done so, please **sign up online** for your shifts at the show as soon as possible: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4BAEAE2DA6FA7-sbqq](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090E4BAEAE2DA6FA7-sbqq). Remember, each guild member is expected to work 3 hours at the show.

Any questions about the show, please contact me at [jlimbachjones@yahoo.com](mailto:jlimbachjones@yahoo.com) or 310.413.4316.

## ***Intra-Guild - Julie Limbach-Jones and Rain Burch***

Thank you to everyone who donated **stockings** over the last few months. We collected 119 this season, which were all on display at our Holiday Dinner. The **Secret Santa Exchange** had quite a few participants and the "presents" were festive. We hope you enjoyed both giving and receiving your gifts.

In January, we will resume our **To the Beach** Row-by-Row project. The next pattern ideas will feature the beach. Stop by the Intra-Guild table to see samples and pick up a pattern. Also remember to show us the progress on **your** project to be entered into our participation prize drawing for the month.

## ***Hospitality - Andrea Mc Cowan***

If your last name begins with O, P, Q, or R, please bring snacks for 10 to 15 people.

## ***Library - Joanne Stine***

***Out with the old, ring in the new!*** Try your hand at a new technique: **Photography** inspired quilts! Be inspired by the new **modern quilting** books! We also have the **Dear Jane** and **Farmer's Wife Sampler** books available. Don't forget your dollar bills for the **Library Raffle**, this month featuring two opportunities: a delightful pattern, Ride 'Em Cowboy (see <https://www.cindysantiquequilts.com/dynapage/IP400.htm> for details on this pattern), and a pre-started panel for a patriotic quilt with extra fabric (this would make a great Wounded Warrior quilt!).

Would you like to request a particular book from our Library? Use the Members Only link at <http://www.southbayquiltersguild.org> , (scroll down to Forms & Documents, then down to Library Inventory Excel page) to look for books that may interest you. If you find one, please email me at [joanne@stine.org](mailto:joanne@stine.org) , and I will try my best to have it for you at the next meeting. No computer? No problem! Look up the books in our Library Catalog located on the Library table during break at the Guild meeting.

## ***Patchwork Star - Melanie Dreike***

Our patchwork star for January is Vivian Ruddy. Come to the meeting to learn a bit more about her and see her lovely quilts.

## ***Sunshine and Shadow***

Our long time member Christie Ichikawa passed away on November 20. Services will be January 7th at 9 am at Green Hills in Palos Verdes.

## Quilt Show Treasurer - Pam Overton

December 2016			
	<b>Income</b>		
		<b>Opp Quilt Tickets</b>	<b>81.00</b>
		<b>Sewing Machine Tickets</b>	<b>40.00</b>
		<b>Vendors</b>	<b>1225.00</b>
		<b>Advance tickets sales</b>	<b>24.00</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1370.00</b>
	<b>Expense</b>		
		<b>Raffle Baskets</b>	<b>78.09</b>
		<b>Security</b>	<b>300.00</b>
		<b>Vendor-refund</b>	<b>50.00</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>428.09</b>
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>941.91</b>

## Treasurer - Nancy Payne

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	Ordinary Income/Expense			
		Income		
			Membership Dues	40.00
			Guest Fees	5.00
			Trip Fees	880.00
			Interest Income	0.15
			Intra-Guild Income	10.00
		<b>Total Income</b>		<b>935.15</b>
		Expense		
			Hospitality	1739.60
			Newsletter	48.17
			Community Service	47.87
			Door Prizes/Awards/Gifts	75.00
			Membership	146.89
			Merchant Fee	68.16
			Travel	1527.00
			Room Rental	300.00
		<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>3,952.69</b>
	<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>			<b>-3,017.54</b>

## Guild Calendar

January 10	Community Service Sweatshop, 3420 West 229 <sup>th</sup> Place, Torrance. 7 to 9p. Room 6
January 17	Guild meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 301 Avenue D, Redondo Beach, Doors open at 6:00 pm. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm
February 3	Newsletter Articles due
February 7	Guild Board meeting at <b>Sizzler</b> near intersection of Sepulveda and Maple – Dinner at 6:00: Quilt Show meeting begins at about 6:00 PM. Board Meeting to follow. All members welcome to attend.
February 21	Guild meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 301 Avenue D, Redondo Beach. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm.
April 8	SCCQG activity: "Meet the Teachers", Carson.

## Happy Birthday

### February

Mary Jane	Jewell	2/04
LaVerne	Owen-Barakat	2/06
Mary Ann	Santos	2/08
Ethie	Wilson	2/13
Linda	Chow	2/14
Red	Winter	2/15
Donna	Berardo	2/15
Anne	Wallace	2/16
Alex	Tsubota	2/18
Nancy	Payne	2/20
Rita	Wagstaff	2/22
Lenna	Harnett	2/25
Sandra	Warren	2/28

### January

Joann	Kennelly	1/01
Bea	Savellano	1/02
Carolle	Schuegraf	1/04
Carol	Thomas	1/04
Joanne	Stine	1/24

## ***Community Services - Pam Overton***

### **Philanthropy Nominations**

Each year the guild determines an amount from our budget that can be allocated to philanthropy awards. We ask the guild members to nominate local charities for consideration. While the nominated charities are not restricted exclusively to the South Bay area, we do encourage members to consider charities that support our local communities and those where our members reside.

We're changing up the Philanthropy Nomination process a bit. With so much going on at the end of the guild year, we have decided to move the process up. To allow the membership sufficient time to research and nominate charities for our annual philanthropy awards, we will begin requesting nominations in February. We will accept nominations from February to the close of the April guild meeting. The nomination form is posted in the Member's Only section of our website and we will attach it to the February newsletter.

Nominated charities, per our guild bylaws, must be IRS-designated non-profit organizations. Members must complete a Philanthropy Nomination form (found on our website) and provide either a copy of the organization's letter of designation or their tax ID number when they submit their nomination form. We also need the name of a contact at the charity as well as their address, telephone, and e-mail address (if possible). This information is used by the guild treasurer in reporting our donations to the IRS and the state. In addition, members are asked to include a description of what the charity does for the community and how donated funds will be used.

We will compile a list of nominated charities along with a description of their activities for review by the board and inclusion in the May newsletter.

At the May guild meeting, the membership will vote on the nominated charities. The voting results will be presented to the board at the June board meeting. At that time, the board will review the voting results and determine which charity(ies) will receive funds from the guild. If multiple charities are selected the philanthropy budget (as determined at the May board and guild meetings) will be allocated by the board based on the voting preferences of the guild. The board's recommendation will be presented to the guild at the June meeting and the guild will vote on the final award amounts.

Questions? Please contact Pam Overton.

## ***Read Me a Quilt - Julie Maas***

Happy Year everyone, and on behalf of Julie and the CASA team, many thanks for the quilts and baby blankets (17 in all) that were turned in at the December meeting. Your generosity was perfect timing for the children in the foster care system that are in such need of warmth and comfort, and your work is much appreciated. We have been in record-breaking territory for the last few months, which is wonderful, let's keep going in 2017! It is my pleasure to assist Julie with this program, and although I admit to being somewhat compulsive in my quilting projects, the Read Me a Quilt Program is ideal to play with fabric, and try out new ideas and easy patterns to make quilts that look more complicated than they are. As a reminder, the quilts should be sized to wrap around a child (large or small, young to high school age). A good starter size is 40"x48" (a setting of 5x6 blocks, or 30, 8" blocks), or a panel that can easily be made larger with a border, and quilts are welcome up to a generous lap-size. Watch this space for future suggestions and ideas so we can continue to make many quilts for CASA/RMAQ in 2017. Please contact me if I can be of any help at [nadinekirk@socal.rr.com](mailto:nadinekirk@socal.rr.com) or 310/328-6552 (home) or 310/730-3402 (cell).

## ***The Comfort Project - Mary Shadbourne***

SWEATSHOP NEWS: Sweatshop this month is scheduled for, as usual, the second Tuesday, January 10, 2017. 7-9p, Levy Adult School 3420 West 229<sup>th</sup> Place, Torrance, Room 6, just off the south parking, close to the picnic tables. Bring your sewing machine if you can; however, we have many people doing many different things, so if a sewing machine is impossible, then scissors, for trimming—perhaps a chopstick for turning. Or come empty-handed and we'll supply you with everything you'll need. No sewing/quilting skills necessary to participate in sweatshop—just come and have fun.

SILENT AUCTIONS FOR JANUARY:

1. A ton of yoyos (slight exaggeration)
2. Four cutter quilts
3. "Chicken Hearted" wall hanging kit
4. Rag/chenille UFO
5. Altos cutting system

Go to the guild web site [www.southbayquiltersguild.org](http://www.southbayquiltersguild.org). Click on the auction thumbnails for more detailed descriptions. You don't have to be present to win—just let me know what your potential top bid is and I'll bid for you, in appropriate increments. You can also have a friend enter your bids for you.

## ***Wounded Warriors - Arlene Zobrist***



### **Quilts for Wounded Warriors Arlene Zobrist 310-543-5302**

We received 2 thank you notes last month. One was from a soldier who said “everyone wants the quilt” and it is really appreciated. The second was an email from a Mom who thanked us for the beautiful quilt given to her son who was critically injured in November. She said it kept friends and family warm as they slept by his bedside during the early days of his care. He is now doing well and is expected to fully recover. She thanked us “for all you do for our soldiers and their families.”

The beautiful quilt shown here is one of three donated by Westside Quilters, and they were sent to Bagram before Christmas. Our shipment also included two very large boxes of chocolate candy, to give our deployed troops some holiday cheer as they are away from their families for the holidays – a good way to close out another successful year of bringing comfort to our wounded warriors on the front line. Thank you for your strong support of this heartwarming project!

#### **Requirements:**

**Size: 48” by 78” (stretcher size)**

**All cotton (including batting, 80/20 acceptable)**

**Appropriate patriotic theme/design**

**Optional: Pillowcase, 20”x30”, coordinating fabric**

## **Scrapbag**

“**Kick Off Your Shoes**” – an outreach for the homeless. Please bring new or gently used shoes to Susan Salazar. Her son has started this project. They can use warm scarves also.

### **Barely used Bernina Aurora 430 Sewing Machine.**

Like new. Includes a BSR attachment that was never used, carrying case, several presser feet, many bobbins, 2 bobbin cases, sliding pad, and instruction booklet.

\$900.00 (bought for around \$1800.00, about 4 years ago).

Please contact: Marie-Laure Ilie or text: 310-293-5434

## **CALL FOR ENTRIES from Fayetteville, North Carolina**

Our Guild will be holding our biennial Quilt Fest and (judged) Quilt Show on April 7 & 8, 2017. In order to have an artistically diverse Show, we are reaching across the country and would like to invite members of your guild to enter their quilts in our Quilt Show.

Entry fees are \$10.00 per quilt or you may enter three quilts for \$25.00. There is no limit on the number of quilts you can enter (the more the better, we say!). The deadline for submissions is February 20th, 2017.

Our theme is “A Symphony of Quilts” and among the many other ribbons, we will be also awarding a ribbon for “Best Interpretation of Theme”.

Entry Forms, the Category List and Quilt Show Rules can be found on our website (<http://www.tarheelquiltersguild.org> , choose the “2017 Quilt Show” tab). Updates will be posted periodically on our Facebook page (Tarheel Quilters Guild) as well. This year, Entry Forms may be completed online or you can print out a hard copy and mail it to us.

Our 2017 Opportunity Quilt “Carolina Blues” will be raffled off the last day of the show; tickets are available for \$1.00/each or 6 tickets for \$5.

Questions? Contact us at [QuiltFest2017@gmail.com](mailto:QuiltFest2017@gmail.com)

We look forward to having your guild members’ quilts in our show! Thank you for helping us to spread the diversity, love, joy, and artistic expression of quilting!

Sincerely,  
Tarheel Quilters Guild

## **Remember to bring:**

- Your badge
- Your Read Me a Quilt and/or Wounded Warrior Quilt donations
- Show and Tell
- Finished Comfort Quilt tops or tied quilts
- Your donation to the St. Andrews Food Pantry (fruit and meat canned goods)

## Dottie's Findings - Dottie Daybell

1. Carol Van Zandt, an Oakland fabric designer, often posts photos from quilt exhibitions. This time, she features Bay Area modern quilt maker Cathy Miranker, whose quilts were shown in a new Richmond quilt shop. I love these quilts!

<https://theplaidportico.com/2016/11/28/modernminimal-the-quilts-of-cathy-miranker/>

2. WW BOM This pattern from Moda makes stars when the 12" blocks are set together.

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/2016/11/silver-trails-quilt.html>

Set the quilt 4 blocks by 6 blocks, with 3" x 48" (finished) strips added at the ends to get our 78" length. Or make some extra rectangles-with-a-diagonal and extra 4-patches, which are 3" wide finished, to add a 1/4 block row at top and bottom. This will also finish off the star points. (You'd probably need to plan ahead for the orientation of those rectangles, since they are mirrored.) Also consider replacing the small 4-patches with 3-1/2" cut squares, which would create 4-patches instead of 16-patches where the block corners meet. For colors, perhaps use scrappy reds and golds for the large squares, medium blue for the diagonals, with a dark blue and a white triangle at the ends of each diagonal. The small squares can be a mixture of all of those colors.

3. Wouldn't you have loved to see all these vintage quilts in Paris? Randy starts with a few new quilts made by a friend, and then visits a collector's home. There are two posts with photos.

<http://barristersblock.blogspot.com/2016/12/a-quick-little-getaway.html>

<http://barristersblock.blogspot.com/2016/12/a-little-more-eye-candy.html>

### **The Traveling Quilters**

P.O. Box 3214, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

#### **A Tour Service for Quilters!**

- January 21, 2016 – Road to California – San Diego Departures Only
- February 23-26 – Temecula Quilt-Away Retreat – SOLDOUT – contact us to add your name to the wait list.
- May 1-4 – Temecula Quilt-Away Retreat – **NEW**
- June 1-7 – Western New York
- September 15-18 – Temecula Quilt-Away Retreat

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