



# South Bay Quilters Guild

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Meeting: There is no Guild Meeting in July July 2017

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

We are so delighted and honored to be beginning another year as your Co-Presidents! We are grateful for your faith in us. Please do let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions to improve our meetings or our Guild.

Our June meeting was lots of fun. Thank you to Joann Kennelly for organizing the Pot Luck, and to all of you for the wonderful food! Thanks to Mary Shadbourne for helping us to help others by tying Comfort Quilts. I am continually in awe of the sheer numbers of quilts our Guild produces for charitable purposes.

We elected new Board officers, and once again we say thank you to those who have completed their terms, to those continuing, and especially to the new brand new Board members. Thank you all for your commitment to our Guild.

We approved donations totaling \$5,000 to six charities. It is a joy to be able to give to these worthy causes. Thanks to everyone who recommended a charity.

We are sad to report that **momen+** fabric store is closing on August 31; all fully stamped rewards cards and gift certificates must be used by then. Significant sale prices are in effect.

Enjoy your summer! Stay cool! Work on your Auction Quilts, Challenge Quilts, and "regular" quilts for next year's quilt show. Look over the rest of the newsletter for important information on everything that's going on. See you in August.

## ***Programs / Workshops - Melanie Dreike & Sue Glass***

We have been busy getting speakers and workshops in place for you! Below is the calendar for August 2017 – May 2018. May 2018 is the only one we are still working on . . . stay tuned to see if Lisa Walton will be joining us. We are currently taking signups for all of the workshops. We are looking for a venue where we can host a dyeing workshop. If you know of a park or other facility that has water and nice restrooms please let Melanie know so we can check it out and get a dye workshop set up.

Please look over the information for August, September and October from Sue Glass. Sign ups are currently being taken. We are very excited about our upcoming speakers and hope you will join us in a workshop. It would mean so much to us to have full workshops all year long. (continued on page three)

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2017-2018 Board Members**

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Quorum: 9 Voting Members (One vote combined for Co-Chair positions)

## **Programs/Workshops (continued)**

### **August 2017 – Tracey Brookshier – [www.traceybrookshier.com](http://www.traceybrookshier.com)**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> Program:** *A Love Affair with Japan II*

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Workshop:** *Beyond Bento Box*

### **September 2017 – Linda Ballard – [www.letsquilt.com](http://www.letsquilt.com)**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> Program:** *Discover the Possibilities*

**September 20<sup>st</sup> Workshop:** *Dancing with the Stars*

### **October 2017 – Arlene Arnold**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> Program:** *Stiches of Glory*

**October 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop:** *Esther's Stars*

### **November 2017 – Sandra Johnson – [sandrajohnsondesigns.blogspot.com](http://sandrajohnsondesigns.blogspot.com)**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> Program:** *All Things made with Japanese & African Fabrics*

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> Workshop:** *None – Thanksgiving week*

### **December 2017 –**

**December 19<sup>th</sup> Program:** *Holiday Dinner*

### **January 2018 – Mike McNamara – [www.macquilts.com](http://www.macquilts.com)**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> Program:** *Influences in Quilting - making, why and how I make my quilts*

**January 17<sup>th</sup> Workshop:** *no workshop – Road to CA starts*

### **February 2018 –**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> Program:** *Quilt Show Wrap Up*

**February 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop:** *no workshop*

### **March 2018 – Jacquie Gering – [www.jacqqiegering.com](http://www.jacqqiegering.com)**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> Program:** *Modern Quilting: You'll Know It When You See It*

**March 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop:** *Slice & Insert Improvisation*

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> Workshop:** *Scrappy Improvisation*

P.S. we plan to have one of your favorite vendors at the March 2018 workshops to provide you with all the fabric, tools, and notions you might need.

### **April 2018 – Shirley McGuire – [EZ-Woolworks.com](http://EZ-Woolworks.com)**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> Program:** *Learn How to Do Wool Applique & Not Go Broke!*

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop:** *Felting, Reclamation & De-constructing & Wool Applique*

### **May 2018 –**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> Program:** *TBD – hoping for Lisa Walton*

**May 16<sup>th</sup> Workshop:** *TBD*

### **June 2018 – *Potluck***

Sign-ups are currently available for all the above workshops. To reserve your space (or spaces), please contact the Workshop Chair, Sue Glass, 310- 372-3945, [sue.glass@verizon.net](mailto:sue.glass@verizon.net), or Melanie Dreike, 310-214-2175, [melaniedreike@gmail.com](mailto:melaniedreike@gmail.com)

► August 15, 2017 – Tracey Brookshier – **A Love Affair with Japan II**

You'll see Tracey's slides of the amazing Tokyo International Great Quilt Show and learn about Japanese quilting culture, which is very different than ours. A trunk show of Tracey's quilts designed with Japanese and Asian-inspired American fabrics will be presented.

► August 16, 2017 – Tracey Brookshier – **Beyond Bento Box**



The popular Bento Box gets a makeover! 12 new quilt layouts and 5 block sizes expand the design possibilities of this classic. Construction is simple, allowing students to focus on the design elements of color, contrast and pattern taught in class.

► September 19, 2017 – Linda Ballard – **Discover the Possibilities**

This lecture will give you ideas on how to look at a quilt and “Discover the Possibilities” to make it come true. When we look at a quilt, how often have we wondered how did they do that? What are the components to this quilt? How could I piece what I see? Or, do I have to piece a quilt the way my eyes view it for the first time?

The answers will hopefully make sense when you see how I go about this.

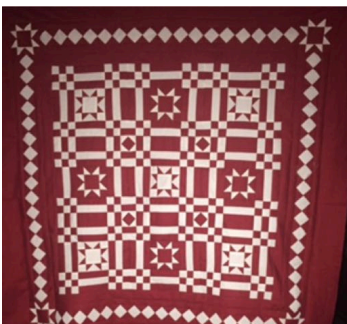


► September 20, 2017 – Linda Ballard – **Dancing With the Stars**

Even though Tennessee Waltz is still a quilt I teach, I've updated the pattern by bringing out parts of the pattern into the borders. It now has a totally different feel, still seeing the movement and circles but now there are circles showing up. The points to the stars are easy because of the tools we use, and for the other piecing it's really simple. You can make this in several sizes.

► October 17, 2017 – Arlene Arnold – **Stitches of Glory**

A lecture of seeing, touching and experiencing many antique quilts and tops dating from 1830 – 1890. See what fabrics and patterns our ancestors worked with as they navigated a country shaping itself and it's issues.



► October 18, 2017 – Arlene Arnold – **Esthers Stars**

Esther's Stars is a lovely traditional pattern with a twist. It can be made as a two color quilt in solid color fabrics, a two fabric quilt using prints, or even substitute one of the colors for scraps. You will learn accurate piecing skills, and have a great time in class with Arlene. Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced.

Our next workshop will be in March 2018 with **Jacque Gering**. She will be with us for two days, March 21 and 22. Jacque is teaching at Quilt Con in February 2018, but you can sign up for her workshops here at South Bay and you won't have to drive to Pasadena, plus parking is free! This is your chance to learn from one of the best teachers around today. Watch for more information later this fall.

## ***Quilt Show 2018 - Julie Limbach-Jones***

**“CONTRAST”** February 17-18, 2018

A quilt show website has been created to put all the information about the quilt show in one spot:  
[sbqg2018quiltshow.weebly.com](http://sbqg2018quiltshow.weebly.com)

It is a work in progress and we will add to it as we have more information. Be sure to check the SBQG Members tab where you will find:

- o Forms for entering a quilt (coming in August/September—use the summer to get a good start on yours)
- o Auction entry form (accepting quilts now!—check the Auction page for photos of the donations so far)
- o Staffing link to Sign Up Genius (coming in August)
- o Black and White Challenge Rules (hope you are working on yours!)

Please let me know if there is information you need that you can't find on the show website.

In August we will have opportunity quilt tickets and publicity materials for you. The show pin will be available and Diane says it is BEAUTIFUL. Remember, you get one free for donating an Auction quilt—I'm working on mine.

*Rose Emporium* is traveling this summer. If you have an idea for a venue or are a member of another guild, please let me know so we can ask if our quilt can visit. Patterns are now available for the quilt.

## ***Presidential Thank Yous***

Thank you, thank you, thank you! What a wonderful, generous gift of fat quarters! In response to the little birdie who mentioned my need for some neutral fabrics in my stash, you showered me with an ample supply, along with a number of lovely bright and beautiful colors. And not one among them is a duplicate of anything in my fabric closet(s)/boxes/bins/bags....amazing! I was truly touched by your kindness. Donna Bowker

Thank you all so much for the kindness and support you've shown me as I took on the daunting task of co-president. Your kind words at meetings and the e-mails meant the world to me. This is truly a special group. The gift of the fat quarters was just the icing on the cake, and my favorite kind! I can't wait to incorporate them into a quilt. Alex Tsubota

## ***Intra-Guild - Stephanie Bommarito and Red Winter***

What exactly happens at this table at the meetings? Answer - We coordinate various kinds of activities to promote camaraderie and friendship within the guild. How? By creating a blend of quilt activities such as a variety of Exchanges, Challenges, December Christmas Stockings, distinctive Swaps, On-going happenings, and more. Coordinating Friendship groups is another opportunity to share quilting time with fellow members. Stay tuned in as to what will be forthcoming in our new year. We look forward to sharing the many possibilities with our fellow members.

## Community Services - Pam Overton

**COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY-TIME WORKSHOPS.** We had a great turnout for the June 23rd Community Service Workshop at AAA. We had a full house! I'm sure Mary will fill you in on what we did that day! Suffice it to say it was a BUSY sweatshop!

We hope you'll join us for one or more of our Day-Time Workshops this summer. Bring a sewing machine, good scissors or just yourself. We'll put you to work in one-way or another! There are always Comfort Quilts to work on and we still have Read Me a Quilt Kits for you to work on, fabric for Wounded Warrior quilts, backs for WW quilts. We also have batting available. Please let Arlene Zobrist or Nadine Kirk know if you need batting for a WW or RMAQ.

Sunday, July 30 – 11:00 to 4:00 – Nina's Quilt Barn, Redondo Beach (**RSVP by July 20**)

Sunday, August 6, 11:00 to 4:00 – Nina's Quilt Barn, Redondo Beach (**RSVP by July 27**)

Sunday, August 20, 10:00 to 4:00 – Nina's Quilt Barn, Redondo Beach (**RSVP by August 10**)

Mark your calendars and please RSVP to Pam Overton so we'll know how many workers to plan for! Your RSVP for the workshops at Nina's is very important. We need to know about 10 days in advance of the workshop so that we can confirm with Nina. All the above workshops are on Sundays and since the shop is normally not open on Sunday, we need to allow her sufficient time to schedule staff to open the shop for us. We also need a minimum of six people attending the workshop. There is no cost to the guild for the use of her classroom, so while you're there for the Community Service workshop, take a break and shop a bit! By the way, Nina is currently selling her fabric at \$8.99 a yard.

This has been a very productive year for Community Service at South Bay Quilters Guild. Thank you for all that you do to contribute to those in our community that need our help!

It's been a pleasure serving as the Community Service Chair over the last year. This month I will turn the reins over to the very capable team of Nadine Kirk and Jenifer Briggs.

## Read Me a Quilt - Julie Maas

On behalf of Julie and the CASA team, a note of appreciation for the ten quilts that were turned in at the June meeting from Pieces of Love Quilting, a group of non-SBQG members who completed the quilts for their member Carol Hayden after she passed away. Three quilts were also donated by members Nadine Kirk (two quilts) and Julie Maas. These quilts have been handed off to the CASA group, and are much appreciated due to an influx of new children.

Books are available for you to donate with your quilt -- please check the Guild website for a list of books to inspire you. We will be updating the list in the near future to add some new acquisitions. Also, please note that the list that is posted as "Middle/High School Books" is a list of *suggested* books for that age group (not available through the Guild).

We have received a donation of a number of Kona cotton "Skinny Strips" (a roll of 40 1-1/2 inch wide strips), also known as a "Honey Bun", in white. These strips can be used for sashing and inner borders, and are featured in several projects by Missouri Star Quilt Company. Here are links to the tutorials:

Lattice Quilt - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QNUkLoGQY8&t=2s>

Window Pane 9 Patch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZfnR8K9rCs&spfreload=10>

Sashed Half Hexi - [https://www.missouriquiltco.com/land/tutorials/sashed-half-hexi-quilt/index.html?utm\\_campaign=ddemail\\_07022017&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_source=ddemail&utm\\_content=text3&utm\\_term=qt\\_t104](https://www.missouriquiltco.com/land/tutorials/sashed-half-hexi-quilt/index.html?utm_campaign=ddemail_07022017&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=ddemail&utm_content=text3&utm_term=qt_t104)

These are great ideas, and can easily be adapted for RMAQ-sized quilts (50" x 60" approx.). Please consider including a coordinating pillowcase if you can, since many of the children have no means of storing or packing their quilt or belongings. Happy summer sewing, we look forward to seeing more lovely quilts from our members at the August meeting.

Please contact me for more detailed information, or 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).

Thank you for your continued support of CASA/RMAQ!

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

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

We just received the following heartwarming email from a soldier who received one of our quilts, so I'll let this be the newsletter article for this month – it says it all!

“Arlene,  
I was given your quilt in the Bagram AFB hospital in Afghanistan to keep warm. Thank you so much for spending the time to make such a beautiful quilt. I spent 26 years serving our nation in the US Army and then 7 years serving the Department of the Army in Afghanistan. I am finally going home after suffering a heart attack while serving in Kabul. I guess this second near miss was God's final warning that my family needed me more than the US Army. Please know that it touched my heart to know there are supporters like you out there that care. I am in Dubai now waiting to be fit to fly on 3 July. The 4<sup>th</sup> is our wedding anniversary and I just packed the quilt in my bag for the trip home.

Sincerely,  
Rock Shiffler”

#### **Quilt Requirements:**

**Size: 48” by 78” (stretcher size) All cotton (including batting, 80/20 acceptable)**  
**Appropriate patriotic theme/design Optional: Pillowcase, 20” by 30”, coordinating fabric**

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

The numbers are in—and here they are: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

- Comfort Quilts donated: 587
- Holiday stockings donated: 122
- Toiletries donated 140.5 pounds

The quilt count would have been higher, but medical issues and taking delivery of a couple of really big fabric donations slowed down our delivery process. Onward! An accounting as to who received our donations will most likely be available at the August guild meeting.

As you know, there are no regular second-Tuesday Sweatshops scheduled for July or August; however, Nina's Quilt Barn has agreed to open their doors on three Sundays this summer, giving those of you living farther north a chance to participate in a daytime Community Services Workshop closer to where you live. At Community Services Workshops, you are encouraged to work on any/all of our three special projects: Wounded Warriors Quilts, Read Me A Quilt, and The Comfort Project. The Nina's QB Community Services Workshops are currently scheduled for 10-4 on Sundays, July 30, August 6, and August 20. Contact Pam Overton [pamoverton@earthlink.net](mailto:pamoverton@earthlink.net) to save your spot.

Silent auctions will resume in August. In the last year, silent auctions brought in more than \$1200 income for our guild.

## ***SCCQG-Mary Shadbourne***

The quarterly meeting of Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds (SCCQG) was held in Newhall, CA on July 8, 2017. The program included an expert on Roberts Rules of Order, Gerry Olsen from Camarillo, CA, who gave an outstanding presentation on Bylaws, Standing Rules and Presiding at Your Board Meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the web site <http://www.sccqg.org> in a couple of weeks.

Reminder: Stephania Bommarito is curating a special SCCQG exhibit at Road to CA called "Emerging Light."

The deadline is drawing nearer and she could still use a few more quilts. Contact her

[quiltwizard1024@gmail.com](mailto:quiltwizard1024@gmail.com) if you have a quilt you'd like to see exhibited at Road in early 2018.

The next quarterly meeting of SCCQG will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Topic: Out-of-the-box Fund Raising Ideas, Hosted by Friendship Square Quilt Guild, Whittier, CA.

## ***Parliamentarian - Susan Salazar***

I hope you are enjoying your Summer! Look forward to our next meeting when we install our board. Please consider joining the board. We have a few positions open and would love to have you!

## ***Sunshine and Shadow***

Happy congratulations and smiles to Charmaine Doty. She is celebrating the birth of her fifteenth great-grandchild, Summer Marie Doty!

Joanne Stein has a new grandchild-number four. Congratulations!

## **Glendale Quilt Guild Quilt Show – "Ripple Effect"**

Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23, 2017

10 am – 6 pm both days

Conference Center building at the Pasadena Convention Center

300 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101

## Guild Calendar

July 11	Guild Board meeting at <b>Sizzler</b> near intersection of Sepulveda and Maple – Dinner at 6:00: All members welcome to attend.
July	<b>There is NO Guild Meeting in July.</b> Sew something!
July 28	Newsletter Articles due
July 30	Community Service Sweatshop, 11-4, Nina's Quilt Barn

## Happy Birthday

### August

Rose	Omoto	8/01
Jenifer	Briggs	8/03
Vivian	Ruddy	8/07
Jennifer	Pei	8/10
Ginny	Schmeichel	8/13
Becky	Tan	8/14
Mary Ann	Sereth	8/16
Sally	Fasteau	8/20
Sue	Glass	8/20
Beverly	Mulligan	8/21
Julie	Mass	8/21
Julie	Limbach-Jones	8/21
Josi	Goldsby	8/26
Roberta	Tom	8/26
Carol	Rigg	8/30
Carol	Hardinge	8/31

### July

Nadine	Kirk	6/03
Nicki	Gold	6/03
Lois	Grover	6/10
Carol	Berg	6/11
Mary	Shadbourne	6/15
Helen	Carson	6/15
Bonnie	Hutchins	6/16
Anita	Rising	6/16
Linnea	Olson	6/21
Barbara	Beer	6/21
Dorothy	Brown	6/21
Karen	Yarrow	6/26
Mary	McHale	6/26

## Treasurer - Nancy Payne

			June 2017
Ordinary			
Income/Expense			
	Income		
		Amazon Earnings	20.53
		Interest Income	0.19
		Pin Sales	20.00
		Workshop Fees	220.00
	Total	Income	358.72
	Expense		
		Contributions	5000.00
		Community Service	254.89
		Intra Guild	14.85
		Merchant Fee	40.59
		Library Books, Supplies	103.23
		Newsletter	188.03
		Printing/Copies	28.65
		Programs/Workshops	600.00
		Room Rental	300.00
	Total	Expense	6,530.15
	Net Ordinary Income		-6,171.43
	Net Income		-6,171.43

## Scrapbag

Dear women+ customers,  
70% OFF for All Notions sale starts Monday, July 10th.  
Stock them up!

Notions sale includes rulers, needles and other sewing supplies.  
30% OFF Japanese fabrics  
50% OFF American, European and select Japanese fabrics  
50% OFF Patterns, books, ribbons, webbing tapes and others  
\$1 Fat Quarters, \$5 Half Yard Cut fabrics  
Samples and fixtures sale price as marked.  
Happy Sewing

## *Dottie's Findings - Dottie Daybell*

2017-07 Findings July

1. Ann at "Fret Not Yourself" made a very nice Trip Around the World scrap quilt. She used 2" x 17" cut strips, sewn into tubes, then sliced and unsewn between different squares, to make 12" finished blocks with 64 squares. Bonnie Hunter has a good tutorial for "Strip Trips" here:

<http://quiltville.blogspot.com/2005/06/scrappy-trips-around-world.html>

But Ann adds two good hints. Usually, each block has diagonals of the same fabric repeated on either side of the center. Ann made her blocks more random by sewing tubes with more than 8 strips, and making 3 blocks at once, as described here:

<https://fretnotyourself.blogspot.com/2017/04/alternate-method-for-mini-trip-around.html>

Her second hint is to use a dominant color family for the long diagonals, but put it sometimes ON the longest center diagonal, other times on a diagonal next to the center. This makes a more blurred grid.

<https://fretnotyourself.blogspot.com/2017/05/enlarged-mini-trip-around-world.html>

2. WW BOM I love this simple Stars and Stripes quilt, made interesting by the variety of reds. Suzy has a pattern download link in this blog post:

<http://suzysquiltingroom.blogspot.com/2017/05/qov-stars-and-stripes-pattern.html>

The striped blocks finish at 10" square, made from five 2.5" strips. The stars are fusible applique onto 10" finished squares. She warns you to be sure that the print size is set to 100%, so the star template will be correct. If you make 8 star blocks and 32 stripe blocks, and set the quilt 5 x 8, you'll get a 50" x 80" quilt.

3. The Minnesota Historical Society has digitized photos of their quilts. They have a varied collection of vintage and not so vintage quilts. Go to

<http://search.mnhs.org/index.php?brand=cms>

and search for "quilt". If you use "click to enlarge" on a thumbnail, get back to the list by tapping the "esc" key. If you click the URL below the description, you get a page with more details. You click on an image to zoom (the zoomed images are rather pixelated).

4. This pattern is by Nadra Ridgeway, posted by Caroline at "Sew Can She": a mini quilt with a cleverly made block. It looks like you'd need templates, but you don't!

<http://www.sewcanshe.com/blog/2017/4/29/monthly-mini-quilt-for-may-and-a-sweet-giveaway>

Here is Nadra's blog:

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