

# South Bay Quilters Guild

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## President's Corner – Julie Limbach Jones

Our Holiday Dinner was a lovely last meeting of the year. Thank you to everyone from our chairs Rain Burch and Mary Ann Sereth (who also provided music along with her husband Walter), to the helpers who set up the room, to the Board members who provided dessert, and to all of you who donated something to make the holidays a little brighter for clients at 1736 Family Crisis Center. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with families and friends.

Now on to the new year! Have you made any resolutions? A whole new calendar stretches out in front of us to fill with new projects, activities and adventures. My sewing room needs organizing before I can start implementing any of my quilting resolutions: #1: Continue my pledge to finish two UFOs for every new project. #2: Keep my sewing room organized even while I'm mid-project. #3: Learn at least one new skill or technique in 2019. #4: Get projects finished well before the deadlines! I could go on....

Looking for a way to get more involved in SBQG projects? The second Tuesday of the month is "sweatshop" where Mary Shadbourn leads the Comfort Quilt project. It's a very industrious two hours! If you haven't been, try it this month! See Mary's article for details.

Our Opportunity Quilt will be at Road to California and SBQG needs to provide twenty hours of White Glove support in exchange for showing it. Free admission is given to those who white glove two hours. Sign up online if you can help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4baeae2da6fa7-opportunity>. There is still room on the bus Saturday to Road. Contact Susan Jones if you'd like to ride along. Attending Road is a great way to kick-start a new year of quilting! When you are there, be sure to register for the Guild Attendance Challenge—SBQG could win \$500 if we have the highest percentage of members attending!

And if you are like me and have a goal to learn a new skill or technique, look at the upcoming 2019 workshops. I always learn something at every workshop I attend, even if it is something I'm not expecting to learn!

My Chico road trip is planned for February 1st, so if you have donations for the Paradise quilters, please bring them to the January meeting. Debby's Quilt Shop [of Paradise] is collecting 10.5-inch "house blocks" for the area quilters. See the details at the end of the newsletter. Wishing you Happy New Year full of quilting!

~Julie~

## Next Guild Meeting

*January 15, 2019*

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
301 Ave D, Redondo Beach

Doors open 6:00 pm  
Meeting starts at 6:45 pm

**Speaker: Jaimie Davis**

**Lecture: The History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts**

## Hospitality

Refreshments will be served at the guild meeting at 6:15pm.

If your last name begins with C, D, or E, please bring a sweet or savory snack to share.

## Next Board Meeting

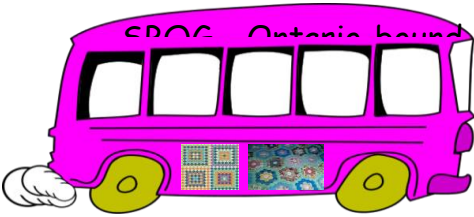
*February 5, 2019, 6:30 pm*

Location to be determined

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## Travel – Susan Jones



### Join the SBQG Fun bus to Road to California on Jan 26, 2019!

Just a few reasons to sign up:

- 1) Someone else deals with the freeway traffic
- 2) Morning snacks on the way to Road
- 3) You arrive at the Show refreshed and ready to view quilts and shop
- 4) You get dropped off and picked up at the Convention front doors
- 5) You get to enjoy the drive with your fellow quilters
- 6) No gas or parking fees
- 7) Included is the Entry ticket for \$11.50—a \$7.50 discount—and you get to use it again on Sunday, if you have so much fun on Saturday that you decide to go back
- 8) Driving home from Ontario would be a bear after all that quilt viewing and shopping
- 9) It's an opportunity to spend more time with Guild friends and show and tell what you bought on the ride home!
- 10) **All this for \$55 per person!!!**

Please check your calendars and sign up as soon as possible. **If you want to reserve now, call me at 214-629-0775 or e-mail me at [sljones3643@outlook.com](mailto:sljones3643@outlook.com) for more details.**

**Do it soon as spaces are limited, and you shouldn't be left out!**

## Scrap Bag

Scrapbag: Want to set some quilting goals for 2019? See this AQS article <http://www.aqsblog.com/25-new-years-resolutions-for-quilters> for ideas.

## Intra-Guild – LaVerne Owen-Barakat and Carollee Schuegraf

We did not have a drawing for the "Block of the Month" for December, as we were concentrating on the Stockings for Community Service. Our final count was 222!

A tremendous thank you to guild members who made and turned-in stockings. Good Job!



This is a photo at the end of the workshop when we made the stockings to be turned in the last meeting in December.

Our "Block of the Month" for January is a Log Cabin with a "MODERN" slant. Please bring your blocks to the January Meeting.

Also, at the January meeting, we will have examples of the 9-Patch with a variation. The pattern is online under Members only, "Intra-Guild" and at the end of the newsletter. These are due in February.

Guidelines for the block are for a 12½" block (12" finished or 6" finished), and three different fabrics will be needed: white, a solid color, and stripe or polka dot.

Blocks-of-the-Month are opportunities to learn a new technique, try a new design/pattern, and play with different fabrics and colors. Each month we will supply a pattern for a block and provide guidelines for color and fabric. You may make up to five blocks for one chance per block to win all of the blocks turned in

for the drawing at the guild meeting. You might want to make one block for the drawing and one block of your choice of color to keep. Use a color scheme of your choice for the keeper and have a "ready-to-go" Modern quilt project at the end of the guild year.

## Holiday Dinner – Rain Burch & Mary Ann Sereth

Our Holiday Dinner was a success with 72 attendees and 82 gifts donated to 1736 Family Crisis Center. A big thank you to Julie Limbach Jones for collection and delivery of these gifts to 1736. A special thank you to Roberta Thom, Mary Gould, Suzanne Millar, Sharon Amos, Karen Yarrow, and Pat Pruell for coming early to help set-up and to Mary Ann and Walter Sereth for providing music prior to dinner. Also, a very appreciative thank you to all the Board members that contributed to our delightfully yummy dessert bar!

Keep an eye out at the January meeting for a survey of menu preferences and/or options for future Holiday Dinners.

Thanks again,  
Rain

## Happy Birthdays!

Bea Savellano 1/2  
Carollee Schuegraf 1/4

Carol Thomas 1/4

## Programs – Melanie Dreike

New Year's marks a new beginning. New quilters to meet, new quilt adventures to enjoy and new quilt memories to create. Here's wishing you the happiest quilting adventures, starting with our welcome to Jaimie Davis, our January speaker and workshop teacher.

Her bio opens with, "Jaimie lives in Portland, Oregon and she loves to make quilts." (I think we will get along just fine) Jaimie is a story-teller who enjoys spending time with people who love to sew. She has been teaching for over 20 years and believes that everyone who enters her classroom should feel happier and more confident when they leave. Color and curvy lines inspire her, and the joy of creating keeps her working late into the night. Jaimie says, "In a perfect world, I would never need to cook, clean or sleep!"

She has taught for AQS (American Quilters Society), the Northwest Quilting Expo, as well as many guilds like ours. Her work has been exhibited at International Quilt show in Houston, TX and Pacific International Quilt Festival in Santa Clara, CA.

Jaimie and her husband live in Portland, Oregon with a whole bunch of quilts, a lot of great books and a never-ending supply of Diet Coke.

Please help us welcome Jaimie at our January meeting and see the workshop article for details to sign up for what is going to be a marvelous time learning new techniques. This workshop does not interfere with Road to CA this year so please join us!!

If you have any questions please contact me at 310-214-2175 or via email, [melaniedreike@gmail.com](mailto:melaniedreike@gmail.com).

Happy New Quilting Year to everyone!

Melanie Dreike

## Happy Hour

In January we will have our first Happy Hour of the year. Our presentation will be from Karen Yarrow. Karen was unable to make our November edition of Quilters College to teach us all about zippers. She will be set up at a table and sharing her wealth of knowledge. Marie Cortez will be there to help all of you get a chance to hear every fascinating word Karen has to share. She will do her presentation at 6:15 and repeat it at 6:30.

## What's happening in Workshops?

Welcome to 2019! Our first class for this year is "Baltimore Blooms" with Jaimie Davis. There is a \$10 kit fee which covers almost all of the supplies needed for the class which will make your preparation very easy. We will send the supply list as soon as you sign up so that you have plenty of time.

We plan to open all of the remaining classes (through May) to other guilds this month, so please be sure to let me know if you want to take any of them so that we have a space for you. Come to the workshop table at guild for more information and to sign up.

Remember that you must pay when you register. We take cash, checks or credit cards (at Guild only). All listed workshops will be held at the Palos Verdes Library Community Room (except May 2019). Call or email Sue Glass if you have questions or to sign up.



**January 16, 2019 – Jaime Davis "Baltimore Blooms: Hand Applique."** This class is a great introduction to Baltimore Album Quilt making. You will learn the basics of beginning appliqué as well as some dimensional techniques. The focus is on the freezer-paper-on-the-bottom method of appliqué, but more advanced students will also enjoy it. \$50 for SBQG/\$60 for others. \$10 kit fee. **This class does not conflict with Road to CA, Jan 24-27.**



**March 20, 2019 – Becky McDaniel, "Crazy Cushion"** This project is paper pieced with 3 different pattern designs: Star Jasmine, Pineapple (Not showing) and Flying Geese. It has a zipper and strap for carrying to wherever you need to have a cushion! The finished size is 16"x16"x3". \$50 for SBQG/\$60 for others. \$30 kit fee.



**April 18 2019 – Karen Gloeggler "The Jane Austen Inspired Quilt"**. Austen fan and avid quilter Karen Gloeggler went to England to see firsthand the only quilt known to have been made by the popular novelist. Karen's workshop will focus on precision piecing and creation of your own version of this beautiful quilt. \$50 for SBQG/\$60 for others.



**May 21/22, 2019 – Karen Kay Buckley**  
(Nakano Theater, Torrance Cultural Arts Center)

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** "Fiesta Mexico Block Three with Border"- Hand Applique  
(This class is the same day as our May guild meeting.)



**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** "Circles Squared"- Machine Applique  
The fee is \$65 per class for SBQG/\$75 for others. There is also a kit fee for each class.

## Community Service – Nadine Kirk and Jenifer Briggs

We have had an incredible year with all of you responding to the needs of the fire survivors, beginning with the Santa Rosa fire, the Thomas (Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties) fire, and more recently the Carr (Redding), Camp (Paradise) and Woolsey (Malibu) fires.

Here is an update on our donations to fire survivors in 2018:

- **Santa Rosa:** Over 220 pillowcases, 9 quilts (including two queen-size), and 5 crocheted baby blankets (Happiness is a Warm Quilt) ([happinessisawarmquilt@gmail.com](mailto:happinessisawarmquilt@gmail.com)).
- **Thomas Fire (Ventura):** Six Perkiomen Valley quilts with coordinating pillowcases, and two quilt “kits”, including tops, backing, binding and batting (Ventura Modern Quilt Guild).
- **Carr Fire (Redding):** Several quilts and a bag of pillowcases from SBQG were delivered to Redding via Paula Slater (LA County Quilt Guild). In process activities are listed below.
- **Camp Fire (Paradise):** Six quilts (including one Private Source batik) and a bag of pillowcases were delivered to Sewing Arts Center to be sent to Paradise. In process activities are listed below.

**In process:** We have 12 tops currently in process from the batik strips that were donated by Private Source Quilting, including 10 out for quilting and two being bound. These quilts will be distributed to: The Quilter’s Sew-ciety of Redding, Inc., for the survivors of the Carr Fire, and Honey Run Quilters in Chico for survivors of the Camp Fire. Julie Limbach Jones is collecting quilting supplies and donations for delivery to Honey Run Quilters to help quilters get re-established. We will assist with survivors of the Woolsey/Malibu (and other local fires) if a distribution point is established.

### New projects – kits available at Guild:

- Please pick up pillowcase kits to sew—the completed pillowcases will be sent to Northern California fire survivors and first responders. A link to a tutorial video to make pillowcases using the “hot dog/roll up method” is posted on the Members Only/Community Services page on the Guild website (You Tube, The Crafty Gemini, “How to make a Pillowcase- Burrito/Sausage/Roll Up Method”).  
<https://youtu.be/TAomYjHzUQk>
- Baby blanket kits for the Department of Children’s Services will be available for pick up.

Other charity opportunities:

- **Days For Girls.** International effort to provide kits and menstrual health education for women all over the world (now one million girls and women in 116 countries). Many women and girls are restricted in their lives because they have no way of managing their menstrual cycle. Check it out: [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org) -- and there is a TEDx talk, Celeste Mergens at TEDxBellingham.

A big thank you for all that you do to help those in need, it is much appreciated. Happy New Year everyone!

## Quilts for Wounded Warriors

Arlene Zobrist 310-543-5302

We get to start the new year with another thank you note received from a medic at Bagram, who describes how our quilts are given to wounded and the impact of the quilts:

“My name is TSgt Gomez and I am a medic currently serving at Bagram Air Field. Just wanted to write you to tell you that all the quilts you have provided our wounded coming home have really made an impact. They are placed on the beds prior to their departure home and continue to travel with them throughout the journey home. Thank you for what you do and the time you take to create such beautiful creations. Your work is greatly admired.”

Thanks to all of you who make this possible and continue to show our deployed troops our appreciation for their many sacrifices. Showing them we care is the best gift of all!

### Requirements:

Size: 48” by 78” (stretcher size)

All cotton (including batting, 80/20 acceptable)

Appropriate patriotic theme/design

Optional: Pillowcase, 20”x30”, coordinating fabric



### Read Me a Quilt- Julie Maas

We had 3 quilts and books turned in at the December meeting, just in time for Christmas! Many thanks to Janet Coggins, former member (quilt), Mary Shadbourne (top), and Nadine Kirk (quilt, and finishing Mary’s top). Books were pulled from the RMAQ library to be donated with these quilts.

Thanks to the incredible generosity and hard work of our members, in 2018 the Read Me a Quilt Project provided CASA with the following:

- 111 Quilts
- 113 Books
- 36 Pillowcases
- 1 Fabric Box

One of the quilts was a special request from a 17-year old girl who was about to start her first year of college, and wanted a “camo” quilt. The CASA advised that when she received the quilt, her response was: “I love it, I love it” - she was genuinely thrilled. What wonderful work! We can’t thank all of you enough for everything that you do for this project. The gift of a warm quilt, and a book to curl up with, is invaluable for the foster children in the CASA program. Please keep up the great work in 2019!

Please contact Nadine Kirk for more detailed information, or any help, at: nadinekirk@socal.rr.com or 310/328-6552 (home) or 310/730-3402 (cell).

Best wishes for a very happy New Year to all of you, and thank you again for your continued support of CASA/RMAQ!

## THE COMFORT PROJECT

Mary Shadbourn 310.612.4180 talk/text

**SWEATSHOP NEWS:** Sweatshop this month is scheduled for, as usual, the second Tuesday, January 8, 2019. 7-9p, Levy Adult School 3420 West 229<sup>th</sup> Place, Torrance, Room 6, just off the south parking lot, close to the picnic tables. We really do need all hands on deck this year, especially hands with sewing machines, the more, the better. Actually, we're dealing with several steps in the process on Sweatshop Night, including pinning, trimming, turning, bundling, so don't let the lack of a machine keep you home. Come emptyhanded and we'll supply you with everything you'll need. No sewing/quilting skills are necessary to participate in sweatshop—just come and have fun.

### SILENT AUCTIONS FOR JANUARY:

Go to the guild web site <http://www.southbayquiltersguild.org> Click on the auction thumbnails for detailed descriptions of this month's auction items. 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.

Selected Upcoming Events	
January 12	SCCQG quarterly meeting. Topic: Meeting Nuts & Bolts
January 24-27	Road 2 California Quilt show. Ontario Convention Center. <a href="http://road2ca.com/">http://road2ca.com/</a>

### Contact Information

The full list of officers can be found on our website at <http://www.southbayquiltersguild.org/officers.html>

Here are a few of the e-mails you can use to contact officers-

President-	<a href="mailto:president@southbayquiltersguild.org">president@southbayquiltersguild.org</a>
Vice President-	<a href="mailto:vicepresident@southbayquiltersguild.org">vicepresident@southbayquiltersguild.org</a>
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Quilt Show Chair-	<a href="mailto:quiltshow@southbayquiltersguild.org">quiltshow@southbayquiltersguild.org</a>

## January Findings by Dottie Daybell

1. These textiles aren't quilts, but they are inspiring!

[https://www.moowon.com/stories/quest-for-beauty-the-anonymous-artists-of-chinese-textile-collages?mc\\_cid=87436a2594&mc\\_eid=7825a78704](https://www.moowon.com/stories/quest-for-beauty-the-anonymous-artists-of-chinese-textile-collages?mc_cid=87436a2594&mc_eid=7825a78704)

2. WW BOM Moda Bake Shop's Christmas 2018 Countdown has had some nice star blocks. I especially like this one by Anne Wiens. It uses a 9-patch grid and simple units. You could replace the solid red with solid blue, keep the solid white and red polka dot as they are.

<http://www.modabakeshop.com/2018/12/dec-3-prairie-christmas-star.html>

Anne also posted some quilt layouts on her own blog:

<https://sweetgrassdesigns.wordpress.com/2018/12/03/a-prairie-christmas-star/>

3. This is a REALLY useful website for saving patterns. Instead of printing a web page, you can use the free website Print Friendly to save it as a PDF. It removes the ads and cleans up the page. You can also edit it further before printing, to remove photos or text you don't want. You just hover the cursor over the unwanted part until it's highlighted, and click to delete it. Copy the page's URL from the address bar into the clipboard, open Print Friendly and follow the instructions.

<https://www.printfriendly.com>

4. Susan redesigned a block she found in the very first Quiltmaker's 100 Blocks collection. I love this quilt, with its combination of applique and tricky piecing, and swapping the two reds as well as the greens on the different backgrounds.

<https://wwwquiltfabrication.com/2018/11/mediterranean-rose-in-progress.html>

5. This looks like fun: Rachel Rossi tried machine quilting with a double needle

<https://www.rachelrossi.design/quilting-double-needle/>

### 2019 Quilt Show Treasurer – Nancy Payne

	Dec 1-16
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales</b>	
Opp Q Tkts sold @ guilds/shows	160.00
<b>Total Income</b>	160.00
<b>Expense</b>	0.00
<b>Net Income</b>	160.00



## SBQG 2019 Quilt Show “Delectable Quilting Deeds” February 16 – 17, 2019

Quilt Show website: [qs.southbayquiltersguild.org](http://qs.southbayquiltersguild.org)

Staffing – Be sure to sign up for where you would like to help!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4baeae2da6fa7-sbqq2>

Road to California Volunteers needed so we can sell ticket for opportunity quilt.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4baeae2da6fa7-opportunity>

If we do not get enough members to White Glove, we will not be able to sell tickets for our Opportunity Quilt on Thursday!

The countdown to our 2019 quilt show has begun. We still need help in several ways.

Acquisitions – To everyone who has submitted entries for the show, THANK YOU. The wide diversity of quilts is superb. As advertised, our quilt show will truly be sensational. The layout will be finalized soon, and acceptance letters will be delivered at the January meeting. It is important to read the letter, review the display card information and return to Acquisitions promptly to ensure accurate show information.

Staffing – Staffing notifications will be sent electronically via email from Sign Up Genius. Emails will be sent 2 weeks before your shift with a follow-up 3 day before. Please note: if you have shifts on multiple days, you will receive separate emails for each one. If you do not have an email address, notices will be sent via regular mail. Please be sure you have signed up to work 4 hours at the show. The link is available through the quilt show website (see above) or sign up at the January meeting. You will be called if we do not hear from you. We have a need for hanging and takedown staff.

Road to California Volunteers – Road to California – Our opportunity quilt will be at the show on Thursday. We need SEVEN – 7 – members to fill 2-hour time slots white gloving at the show any day, Thursday – Sunday. The sheets are at the table as well as using the opportunity Sign Up Genius. (see above)

Raffle Baskets – Thank you to all members who have contributed fabric, patterns, notions, books and related items. We still need more items to fill the baskets. The list detailing what is needed for the theme baskets was passed out at the meeting and is posted on the SBQG website member section. Andrea McCowan is eager to accept all donations and baskets at the January meeting.

Consignment Quilts – Do you have quilts in your stash that you would like to sell? This is your opportunity. They can be any kind of quilt both old and new that you would like to send to a new home. The split is 80% for you and 20% for the guild. These quilts are separate from the auction quilts and will be sold in the Consignment Quilt sales booth at the show. The Information and Entry Form is available at the meetings or on the SBQG website Members Only section. E-mail Susan Jones at [sljones3643@outlook.com](mailto:sljones3643@outlook.com) or call her at 214-629-0775 to get instructions on how to sell your quilt!

Auction Quilts – More marvelous auction quilts have been donated. We will still accept quilts through the January meeting. Please include an Auction Entry Form (available on the show website) so we have all the information we need for the quilt’s description. Jeanine Hamada and Carol Takemoto are ready to accept all donations.

Opportunity Quilt Tickets – Please turn in all Opportunity Quilt ticket stubs and money at the January meeting. Any extra tickets are needed to be sold at Road to California and at our show.

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SBQG Treasurer – Pam Overton

November 29 - December 31, 2018

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Advertising	10.00
Amazon Earnings	13.14
Auction at Mtg to Benefit Guild	80.00
Community Service Donations	
Fire Quilt Effort	8.25
Total Community Service Donations	8.25
Guest Fees	15.00
Interest Income	0.24
Membership Dues	200.00
Programs/workshops	
Workshop Fees	
Workshop - Jan 19	48.62
Workshop - May 21 2019	63.22
Workshops - April 2019	48.62
Workshops - Mar 2019	48.62
workshops - May 22 2019	63.21
Total Workshop Fees	272.29
Total Programs/workshops	272.29
Trip Fees	649.00

Total Income 1,247.92

Gross Profit 1,247.92

Expense

Community Service Reserve	
Fire Effort 2018-2019	147.00
Total Community Service Reserve	147.00
Hospitality	1,407.70
Travel	583.00
Total Expense	2,137.70

Net Ordinary Income -889.78

-889.78



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- Mystery Trip – November 15 – SOLDOUT

2019

- Road to California – January 26, 2019 – San Diego departures
- Temecula Quilt-Away Retreat – February 21-24, 2019 - SOLDOUT
- Watch for details on our 2019 Quilt Adventure – Exploring Mid America . . . includes Missouri (yes, we're going to Missouri Star), Kansas, and Nebraska

Check out our updated website at [www.travelingquilters.com](http://www.travelingquilters.com).

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#### Reminders for the Guild Meetings

- \* Your Badge
- \* Your Show and Tell Items
- \* Your Read Me a Quilt and/or Wounded Warrior Quilt Donations
- \* Finished Comfort Quilt tops or tied quilts
- \* Your donation to St. Andrews Food Panty (Fruit & meat canned goods)
- \* Bring your checkbook or your credit card to pay for workshops
- \* Bring a little cash to cover library raffle tickets.

**9-Patch with a Variation**

Due February 2019

You may make up to five blocks for one chance per block to win all the blocks turned in at the February meeting.

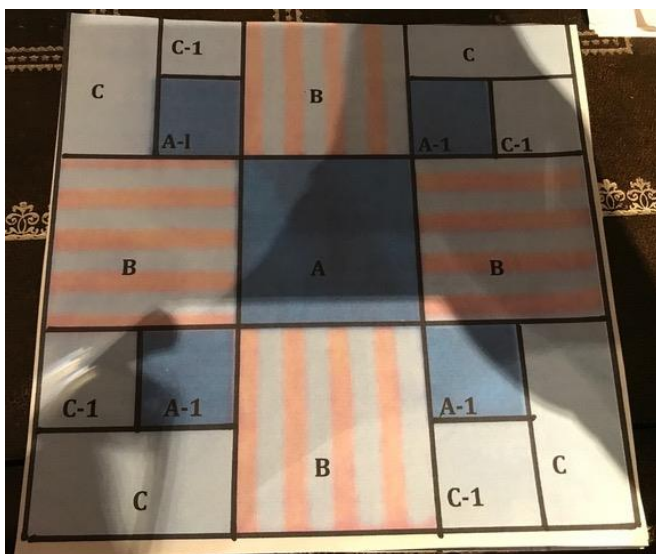
Guidelines for the block are for a 12½” block (12” finished), and three different fabrics will be needed: white, solid color, and stripe or polka dot

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|------|--|-------|
| A.   | Solid color fabric 4½” square          | Cut 1 |
| A-1. | Solid color same as A, 2½” squares     | Cut 4 |
| B.   | Stripe or Polka dot fabric 4½” squares | Cut 4 |
| C.   | White 2½” x 4½” rectangles             | Cut 4 |
| C-1. | White same as C, 2½” squares           | Cut 4 |

Start with sewing A-1/C-1 sets together, press to the dark. Now sew rectangle C to each A1/C1 set as shown on the pattern to make four squares. This step is important to make the final pattern consistent with the layout and form a secondary cross pattern in white. Notice the different positions of C rectangle in the squares.

If you have chosen a striped fabric, at this point make certain the orientation of the stripes is perpendicular to center square A, like a starburst as shown in the sample.

Now audition all the pieces as a 9-patch and begin sewing the first row across together, followed by the second and third rows. Press seams going in alternate directions so seams will nestle, then sew the three rows together as shown in the sample.



## House Blocks for Quilters in Paradise area

Debbie's Quilt Shop is requesting quilt blocks with houses from all over to help local quilters recover from the Camp Fire. The blocks must be 10 1/2 inches (10 inch finished) and may be pieced, appliquéd, or embroidered. Please use good quality 100% cotton quilt shop fabric. Each block must also have something written on it with permanent ink...an inspiring saying, your name and city, or just your city and the date. The houses on the blocks may be traditional, modern, or wonky...as long as the block is 10.5 inches. My shop has not yet moved into its new address so blocks may be sent to my home for now...

Debbie's Quilt Shop  
6287 Fremont Dr  
Magalia CA 95954

\*\* Julie Limbach Jones will be happy to collect these and deliver them in person the first weekend of February. \*\*

## Local craft guild labor for Paradise quilt shop

By Oula Mqbel  
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The Tokay Stitch N' Quilt Guild is gathering a tight-knit community of quilters to donate quilted blocks to Debbie's Quilt Shop in Paradise.

The project is among several that are taking share as the people of Paradise search for normalcy.

Debbie Alberg-Andres is a Lodi native who lives in Paradise and owns Debbie's Quilt Shop. Her shop survived the flames, but was hit by a tree branch that pierced the roof and caused severe

water damage throughout the shop.

She has recovered five sewing machines that are in working condition, and is looking to relocate her shop as the city rebuilds and people start to move forward.

"Quilting is very therapeutic. It allows people to sit together and talk while they put pieces together," Alberg-Andres said.

Alberg-Andres has been focusing on opening her shop and giving the quilting community in Paradise a place to go.

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She is hoping to build connections with quilters nationwide with the project, and has adopted a block theme to inspire volunteers.

"I came up with the idea of creating a house design that quilters could piece together in 10 1/2-inch blocks with inspiring messages, that could be given to the quilting community in Paradise," she said.

The information reached a local quilting group — the Tokay Stitch N' Quilt Guild, which is a group of a hundred women who meet at Emanuel Lutheran Church and quilt.

The group is keen on helping both local and neighboring communities. They create quilts that they donate to San Joaquin Hospice, and Court Appointed Special Advocates of San Joaquin County, known as CASA.

The group donated 20 quilts to the victims of the Ventura County fires and is hoping to

40 quilts together to donate to the victims of the Camp Fire. We published a request to quilting guilds statewide, who are interested in donating blocks to Debbie's Quilt Shop," said Connie Oliver, the shop's publicity director.

Quilting is about camaraderie and support, Oliver

The group has actively been creating quilts and blocks since the disaster, she said. Their desire for help comes from their empathy for the people of Paradise.

For people that are 65 and older, they are having to completely start over," Oliver

The daunting reality of rebuilding all over again can be overwhelming, which is why the quilting community is coming together to help Alberg-Andres

get blocks.

The task of donating blocks is symbolic, Oliver added, because as people piece together their quilts they also have to piece together their lives. The fabric fragments are meant to brandish the image of a home to symbolize the quilters in Paradise rebuilding.

The Tokay Stitch N' Quilt Guild is currently accepting blocks and will have information available on their website, [www.lodi-quilters.com](http://www.lodi-quilters.com). Visitors can find out more about the project and meet-ups that the group is hosting.

Anyone interested in donating fabric or blocks to Debbie's Quilt Shop can reach Alberg-Andres directly on her Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/debbiesquiltshop](http://www.facebook.com/debbiesquiltshop).

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