

# Newsletter



**"Quilters affect eternity.  
They can never tell where their influence stops."**



## VALLEY QUILTERS - MEMBER AQS

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Hemet, Ca

## President's Message



This seems like the years are going on at a warp speed. It is hard to believe Christmas is almost here. We should celebrate the meaning of Christmas rather than stressing about shopping and making gifts. As my family grows up, things aren't that important, unfortunately, they do not like to receive socks and underwear for their presents. The last two years, we gave adventures, so it was time spent with family. These are memories that cannot be erased. Adventures do not have to be grand but could be something simple like a scavenger hunt to find their present. One year I gave them a money puzzle that took at least 10 minutes for them to get their money out of the puzzle. In today's society, not everyone has the Christmas list like we did in the past. If we want something, we usually buy it but don't wait for a special occasion. It makes it harder and harder to make Christmas special for our loved ones. Just writing a check or giving cash doesn't seem the same. But is it our self-gratification to want to see a smile on their face if you get them something they want rather than a dollar bill?

Even though I look forward to Christmas with joy, as it is my favorite season of the year, I also know there are many suffering from loss, sadness and depression at this time of the year. I ask you if you know of someone that is needing a pick me up, send them a thinking of you card or a quick handwritten note to let them know that you care. Everyone loves getting mail and it may lift their spirits for a little while. When I was in sales, my mission was to handwrite 2 cards a day and send them to someone to let them know I was thinking about them. I sent one to a coworker to say I was so proud of her accomplishments on a particular quarter. She kept that card on her desk for over a year. We never know what a small jester can make a huge difference in someone's life.

I hope you all have your quilts ready for the quilt show and am looking forward to seeing how our guild continues to share the beauty of quilts from all of our talented quilters as well as other quilters from our area. Have a Merry Christmas.

Grace



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### Programs

Elaine Geometti  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

### December- Christmas

Luncheon/Entertainment, Heather Thomas,  
Soloist.

**January-** Can you believe it's Quilt Show time! January we will be spending time with all the different ways you can help make our Quilt Show the BEST ever.



Lorie Mathis

**It's Membership Renewal time for  
2026-27**

Can you believe it?? Not me!

Membership cost is \$30.00. Please print the membership form from the bottom of the Newsletter email sent out on 12/11/2025 or the email that will be sent out weekly.

For the few members that are unable to print the membership form I will have a few forms available at our **December 16<sup>th</sup> guild meeting.**

Just put your signed membership forms and money in an envelope and turn them into me. Also, we need to have a signed waiver form on file each year, so please sure to sign that form as well.

Thank You!

### Quilters Calendar

Dec 15	9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Dec 16	9:30am <b>VQ Guild</b> <b>Meeting/Christmas</b> Luncheon/Entertainment
Dec 22	<b>No Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Dec 29	<b>No Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Jan 5	9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Jan 6	9:00am <b>Binding Mini</b> <b>Workshop</b> Valley Wide, Back Building
Jan 12	<b>NO Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Jan 12	9:00am <b>VQ Board Mtg</b> Valley Wide-Front building
Jan 19	9:30am <b>VQ Guild Meeting</b> Quilt Show Review
Jan 26	9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Jan 27	9:30am <b>VQ Guild</b> <b>Meeting/Quilt Show Review</b>

### List of Upcoming Events

#### **ROAD2CA 2026**

January 21-24, 2026

For Information: [www.road2ca.com](http://www.road2ca.com)

#### **2026 Hemet Valley Quilters Quilt Show**

February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

For Info: [valleyquilters.org](http://valleyquilters.org)

**Quilt Show Addiction Rona Herman, The Traveling Quilter More Info:**

<https://ronatheribbiter.com/2026-quilt-shows/>

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## December 2025

Dec 5	Carol Bassford
Dec 7	Sue Leuschen
Dec 10	Linda Wayment
Dec 14	Nancy Witt
Dec 15	Lupe Torres
Dec 15	Lyla Stigall
Dec 16	Sharon Brewer
Dec 16	Elaine Smith
Dec 23	Elaine Geometti
Dec 26	Diana Wheeler
Dec 27	Lisa Whaley
Dec 29	Suzanne Wade
Dec 29	Linda Darling
Dec 29	Sandra Sheridan

### Door Prizes

Diana Fish

A Very Happy Birthday to all our December birthday members!!

Just a reminder to bring in your wrapped gift for our door prize table, before 9 so all can bid on your gift. You can always bring in your present late if you forgot or early, I don't keep track. Tickets sold are 7 tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each and monies raised go into our general fund for operating costs. New sewing related items can be donated and are welcomed. See you soon.

## January 2026

Jan 7	Victoria Karpinski
Jan 14	Pat Spurgeon
Jan 14	Carrie Dixon
Jan 16	Joan Dorr
Jan 18	Linda Gunn
Jan 18	Becky Miller
Jan 18	Ann Nicholas
Jan 17	Diana Fish
Jan 28	Lori Fraizer

## 2026 Quilt Show Volunteer Sign- up Sheets

We still need sign-ups for just about all volunteer positions, we have plenty of slots available in:

**White Gloving**

**Front Door greeter**

**Entry Ticket Sales** (2-hour slots from 11-4  
**Comfort Quilts** needed for Friday and Saturday...2-hour slots needed (10am-12pm, 12-2pm, 2pm-4pm)

**Floaters** are needed for pretty much every 2-hour shift both Friday and Saturday.

**Sign-ups are from 8:45 am-9:25am before the Guild Meeting, as well as break time and following the end the meeting.**

Also, I can be reached at 951-237-5496, if you are unable to sign up at the meeting or have general questions.

Thank you all so much, Kim James

### Mini Workshops

Mary Myers

January 6, 2026 at 9am

Different ways to do binding with Diane Best.

There is still room available. I will have the sign-up list at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Mini Workshop is only \$5.00 for the class.

### 2026 Valley Quilters Retreat

Mary Myers

March 2 - 5, 2026

The March retreat is coming quickly. This is like the big prize after all the work we all do for the Quilt Show. We get to go to a retreat and just relax and sew with our friends. There is still room for sign-ups. **Since we have space available you may invite friends that are not in the guild. The final payment is due at the February Guild meeting.**

If you have questions, please call me at 951 445-1745



### Needle Yakkers, 9:00am to 12:00pm

Philanthropy Projects

Comfort Quilts and Pillowcases

We meet every Monday. **Except Board meeting days** or unless Valley Wide is closed for the holidays.

Valley Wide Regional Park

901 W. Esplanade Ave

San Jacinto, Ca. 92582

in Mobile #1

**(Building behind the tennis courts).**

Park in the back parking lot for easy access.

There is a ramp around the back. Sew, bring your machine and project, let's sew!

**Mondays from 9AM to 12PM**

Remember to bring any completed comfort quilts and pillowcases to the meetings.

Thank you for all your Support!

**2026 Programs Chair**  
Sally Hill

I am excited for our speakers for 2026! Most of them are from Local Areas. Our 1<sup>st</sup> speaker and workshop for 2026 will be Diana Karna from **Quilted Coats**. She will be our speaker on March 24, then there will be a **Quilt Coat Workshop** at Valley Wide with her on March 25, **Wednesday**. I will start sign-ups at our January 2026 meeting. There is a 20-person limit for this class. There will be a wait list when we reach our limit. The cost of the workshop is \$40. I will only take checks or cash. This covers the instructor fee and the room. When you pay me for the workshop, I will give you a printout for the fabric requirement or I can email it to you. There is a required pattern for the Quilt Coat workshop that costs \$30, which you will get it the day of the class. (This is a separate cost.)

Just a suggestion, if your family or friends want to gift you something special, let them know that you would like to take this workshop.

If you have any questions, you may contact me [sal6616@hotmail.com](mailto:sal6616@hotmail.com).

Sally Hill - Programs 2026-2027



**Hospitality**  
Deanna Coleman

The Guild's Holiday celebration is Tuesday, December 16th and it is just around the corner. Before the fun filled event can happen, I'm going to need some help setting up!

**The date we are setting up is  
Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at  
3:00pm.**

If you can help me out, please contact me at 714-720-1183.

Thank you!!!

Deanna



**Fat Quarter Fun**  
Judy Adams & Candy Pellechio



December  
Fat Quarter:  
Hearts, Pink & Red



## 2026 Quilt Show Acquisitions

Mary Myers and Sue Roberts

Now that your quilt application has been turned into Mary and Sue for the 2026 Quilt Show there are some important dates to remember, as far as when to drop off your quilt(s) and when to pick them up.

Quilt entries need to be **dropped off** at

Valley Wide Recreation Center

901 W. Esplanade St, San Jacinto, Ca 92586

**Wednesday, February Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Between 8:30am and 11:30am**

Quilt entries will need to be **picked up** after the show

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**At 4:00pm**

**Quilts will not be released without the receipt you were given on Wednesday**

Mary and Sue would like to thank all of you who submitted quilts for our  
2026 Quilt Show.



## **Sunshine & Shadows**

**Leslie Weidner**

Nothing to report this month.



## **Pull Tabs**

**Becky Miller**

Please start saving your pull tabs from your aluminum soda cans for Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda.

**Becky Miller will have a container available for your tab deposits from now through December at the guild meetings.**



# Valley Quilters Quilt Show 2026 Committee Chairs

Kim James Quilt Show Chair

951-237-5496

## Opportunity Quilt

Amy Mora

## Quilt Tickets

Lupe Torres

## Opportunity Baskets

Linda Card

## Comfort Quilts

Jan Lawrence

## Consignment

Janet Swindell & Pat Spurgeon

## Publicity

Virginia Peckham

## Volunteer Job Sign-Up

Nancy Witt & Penny Beaulieu

## Acquisitions/Programs/Judge

Mary Myers & Sue Roberts

## Vendors/Door Prizes

Diana Fish

## Decorations

Candy Pellechio

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around

Sharon Brewer

## Kitchen

Charlotte Morton, Nancy Alaksin  
& Carol Miller

## Annoucer

Judy Adams

## Featured Quilter

Kathy Barbay

### **Challenge**

Pat Spurgeon

We will share our 2025 Challenge Quilts at the December meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet labeled "Challenge" on the "show and tell" table. We will share our creations one-by-one so that everyone can admire what you have done. Even if your quilt is not quite finished, please share it. Please talk about how this quilt was a challenge for you. We want to celebrate our creativity.

### **SCCQG**

Meri Walker

Teen quilt event in January; still need quilts of all sizes for fire victims.

Theme for Road2Ca is what is "Home" to you? Details on SCCQG website.

Replay of last meeting regarding social media also on website.

### **2025-26 Philanthropic Quilt**

#### **Ticket Sales**

Lupe Torres

If you haven't picked up your Philanthropic tickets yet, please come see me at the October guild meeting. You may either purchase the tickets or sell them to others. The cost is \$25 for 30 tickets. All money received will be awarded in scholarships for the 2026 year.

Thanks, Lupe



### **2026 Quilt Show Opportunity Baskets**

Linda Card

Don't forget that we need quilt related items in new condition for the 2026 Opportunity Baskets.

We will accept baskets from friendship groups too!

In addition, if you would rather donate cash that would be great too! The cash could be used to purchase gift cards and other items.

Please bringing items to our next December 16th guild meeting.

Thanks!



### **We Need your Quilting**

#### **Donations**

Sharon Brewer

Don't forget as you are cleaning your sewing room to donate any quilt related items to be priced and sold at 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around.

I can be contacted at [clintsharon76@yahoo.com](mailto:clintsharon76@yahoo.com) or drop off at 2830 Jasmine Circle, Hemet

## November Show and Tell

Janet Swindell

<u>Name</u>	<u>Quilt Description</u>	<u>Quilter</u>
Suzanne Wade	Childs Dog Quilt	Self
Barbara Mages	2 quilts simple Serenity	Self
Elaine Geometti	Grinchy Christmas	Self
Linda Bretton	Magenta Quilt	Self
Kathy Silva	No name	Self
Deb Mitchell	Star Quilts	Self
Joan Torbett	Collins "Effluent"	Lorie Mathis
Happy Feet	Corn Maze/Letters to Grace	Kerry Marksbury
	Quilted Jackets	N/A

If you have something to share, please post on our Facebook page at **Hemet Valley Quilters** or bring to our next guild meeting, so that all can see.



## Friendship Groups

Donna Casoli

I am requesting that each Friendship Group please provide me with the following information so I can create a list of existing groups.

Group Name

Group Main Contact

Approximate Number of Members

City where meetings are held

Open or Closed Group

We have so many talented quilters sharing their ideas and love for our craft. Your groups can be an inspiration to others wanting to ask questions, join or start their groups!

Thank you,

Donna Casoli, [dicasoli50@gmail.com](mailto:dicasoli50@gmail.com)

## Mini Quilt Raffle

It's MINI time everyone!!!  
Let's keep the "mini quilt raffle going!  
Nancy Alaksin & Cheryl Enyeart



## Quilt Show Vendor Showcase



Who's new at our show?

**Lyn's Fab Five.** -will be selling and displaying Accessories made by Paparazzi, necklaces, bracelets, rings, anklets, earrings, and hair accessories.

**Falling for Fabric.** -will be displaying and selling Fabric for Quilting and supplies

**The Quilting and Stitchery Cottage.** - will be displaying and selling New and Vintage fabric, sewing notions, buttons, sewing trinkets along with Cross stitch, embroidery and needlepoint kits and patterns.

**Lindas Creations.** -will have baby items, adult and kids' aprons, fabric books, and adult bibs.

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Becky Miller has published two books. *Hoosier Daughter* is an early life memoir told in short stories. *Cat-astrophic: the Totally Varnished Truth About Cats* is a delightful "tail" for all cat lovers. Available on Amazon. or directly from Becky.

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**Remember to bring to the  
December meeting:**

Name badge, Show & Tell items, Fat Quarter: Hearts Pink & Red, Challenge Quilt, \$20 value or more birthday gift, if it's your birthday this month. Also, any completed Comfort Quilts. Finally, \$120.00 deposit, if you plan on attending the 2026 Retreat, Mini Workshop \$\$, Membership renewal form and \$30.00, and door prize ticket money.

**Valley Quilters Guild meets at  
9:30am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each  
month (arrive a little early, if you  
want to visit before the meeting  
starts).**

**Location:** Seven Hills Clubhouse  
3050 Jacaranda Way  
Hemet, Ca.  
**Website:** [www.valleyquilters.org](http://www.valleyquilters.org)