

Newsletter



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



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President's Message



It is hard to believe that March is already here. We are experiencing some much-needed rain which keeps us indoors. Growing up in the Mississippi, I experienced a lot of heavy rain, thunder and lightning. We had to unplug our appliances so they would not be damaged by lightning. Of course, I didn't have a handheld cell phone to distract. We had to find things to do, like reading a book, playing games, or napping. Because we seldom have thunder and lightning, we can go to our sewing rooms and block out the gloom to create something beautiful.

Yesterday I was in Costco at the optical counter waiting for my number to be called. Yes, due to the rain, everyone was shopping. There were 3 people helping customers and there were 10 numbers yet to be called. I started a conversation with a lady that was not happy as she has chronic pain and just wanted to order her glasses and go home. She was frustrated as she arrived at her appointment for her eyes to be checked and they were an hour late seeing her for her appointment. Then she walked out to get her glasses and there was another line. So NOT HAPPY was an understatement. Her friend says she doesn't leave home much as she is so miserable due to the pain. I tried to suggest that sometimes we need to enjoy the moment to see things outside of our daily ritual. I also said that she would not have met me if she wasn't waiting in line with me. (She did sorta laugh at that.) But then she started complaining very loudly about how long the clerks took with the Costco patrons they were assisting in buying glasses. She even went up to one clerk that was helping an older lady with her choices to ask how much longer she would be with the patron. I realize that I am blessed not to have chronic pain. When I have ailments, I try not to impact the people around me with my complaints. I try to look at the many great things that I have in my life. I am grateful that I have my quilting hobby that brings me much joy.

We had our annual quilting retreat last week. It was so much fun to see what each other's work-in progress, the completed projects and getting to know each other better. The snack table was dangerous!! Think about joining our quilt retreat next year the first week of March.

We are also looking forward to sharing with our scholarship recipients in April. We will have four students to receive quilts and scholarships. This meeting is one of the most exciting meetings we have each year. Grace

Programs

Elaine Geometti
1st Vice President

March - Judy Block will be doing a trunk show highlighting works by Judy Niemeyer.

April - Scholarship awards and Brunch



Membership

Lorie Mathis

Our membership has grown to 99 members.

Please welcome:

Elizabeth Lehner

Kathy Silva

Linda Bretton

Henrietta Dormer

Kendra Vito

Presentation of 2026 Opportunity Quilt by Diana Fish



Quilters Calendar

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| Mar 10 | 9:00am VQ Board Mtg
Valley Wide-Front building |
| Mar 10 | No Needle Yakkers |
| Mar 12 | Pricing , Sharon Brewer's house,
8:30-11:30am |
| Mar 17 | 9:00am Needle Yakkers Valley
Wide |
| Mar 19 | Pricing , Sharon Brewer's house,
8:30-11:30am |
| Mar 24 | 9:00am Needle Yakkers Valley
Wide |
| Mar 25 | 9:30am VQ Guild Meeting
Judy Block will be doing a trunk
show highlighting works by
Judy Niemeyer. |
| Mar 31 | 9:00am Needle Yakkers Valley
Wide |
| Apr 7 | 9:00am Needle Yakkers Valley
Wide |
| Apr 14 | 9:00am No Needle Yakkers
Valley Wide
9:00am VQ Board Mtg
Valley Wide-Front building |
| Apr 21 | 9:00am Needle Yakkers Valley
Wide |
| Apr 22 | 9:30am VQ Guild Meeting
Scholarship Awards/Brunch |
| Apr 28 | 9:00am Needle Yakkers Valley
Wide |



March 2024

Mar 3	Pat Newsom
Mar 4	Sue Roberts
Mar 11	Cheryl Enyeart
Mar 13	Kathy Smigun
Mar 22	Katie Christensen
Mar 27	Virginia Peckham

April 2025

Apr 10	Nancy Smith
Apr 13	Linda Bretton
Apr 13	Elizabeth Lehner
Apr 26	Wendy Van Eman
Apr 27	Shiraly Yates

Door Prizes

Diana Fish

Happy Birthday to all our March birthday members

Hope you all enjoyed your special day. Please remember to bring your wrapped birthday present before 9am to our door prize table. If you forgot last month then bring it in late. Or if you will be away in your birthday month, bring it in early. Tickets are \$5.00 for 7 tickets or \$1.00 each. New sewing related donations are accepted. I will have a surprise or two to add. Have a great day and will see you at Guild Meeting



2026 Valley Quilters Retreat

Mary Myers

What a great week we all had at this year's retreat. There were so many beautiful projects and quilts completed. Hope you have taken a look on our Facebook page.

Already looking to next year. The dates for next year are **March 2-5, 2026**. The price has gone up just like everything to **\$600. I need a deposit of \$120.00** by our May guild meet on the 27th to hold your spot. When you think of it as \$12 a week \$50 a month it is not sooo hard.

You just don't want to miss out on all the fun. There is only room for the first 24 members signed up to go.

Looking forward to next year.
Mary Myers

February Show and Tell

Kathy Ray

<u>Name</u>	<u>Quilt Description</u>	<u>Quilter</u>
Mary Myers	Scrappy Quilt	Mary Ann Olsen
Joan Dorr	Fall Foliage	Mary Ann Olsen
Cheryl Enyeart	Blue/White quilt	Karen Gegring
Ann Meuse	Covers/2 color challenge	Susan Helliar
Valley Quilters gift to Valley Wide		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.



Needle Yakkers

Philanthropy Projects
Comfort Quilts and Pillowcases
Jan Lawrence

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 projects, 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!

Outgoing and Incoming Guild Officers

Outgoing Guild Officers and Presentation of Presidents Gift



List of Upcoming Events

Summer Fun on the 2025 SoCal Quilters Run

July 10th-13th & 17th-20th

Thursday-Saturday 9:00am to 6:00pm

Sun 10:00am to 4:00pm

For information: QUILTERSRUN.com

Fallbrook Quilt Guild

Quilted Treasures Quilt Show

November 7-8, 2025

10:00am to 4:00pm

For Information: fallbrookquiltguild.com

ROAD2CA 2026

January 21-24, 2026

For Information: www.road2ca.com

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 2nd Time Around.

**Our next pricing is
March 19th**

I can be contacted at
clintsharon76@yahoo.com or drop off
at 2830 Jasmine Circle, Hemet
Thanks!



Mini Quilt Raffle

It's MINI time everyone!!!

Let's keep the "mini quilt raffle going!

Nancy Alaksin & Cheryl Enyeart



Scholarship Luncheon

Deanna Coleman

Our Scholarship Brunch is just a month away. I'll be passing around the sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

Also, if you would like to contribute a fat quarter for the Birthday Potluck in September, please drop them off to me.

**2025-26 Philanthropic Quilt
Ticket Sales**
Lupe Torres

Please come and see me at the March 25th Guild Meeting to pick up your 2026 philanthropic raffle tickets. Each member receives 30 tickets for \$25 to either purchase or sell to others. All money received will be awarded in scholarships for the 2026 year.

Thanks, Lupe

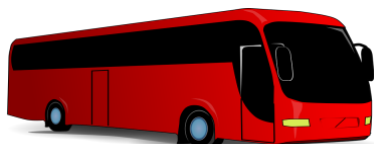


Trips
Becky Miller

Upcoming trips this year include a carpool jaunt for the Annual South CA Quilt Run, July 1-13 & 17-20. This can be a great way to visit shops outside your normal zone and get some new inspiration. No purchases necessary. Each shop visited will stamp a passport and offer a small prize. There will be a sign-up for those who need a ride, even if for one day.

A tour of Hoffman Fabrics with a stop at M&L is also in the planning stages.

Sadly, there will be no Long Beach Quilt Festival this year.



Quilt of Valor
Deb Mitchell

On February 19th, Deb Mitchell presented a Quilt of Valor to Staff Sergeant George Kee, a Navajo veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam wars. George is 91 years young and lives on the "deep Rez" on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona with his wife Dolly where they farm 35 head of cattle.



Sunshine & Shadows

Leslie Weidner

This was a good month. Only 2 cards sent:
Get Well to Nancy Smith at Ramona Rehab
Kathie Christensen




Fat Quarter Fun

Judy Adams & Candy Pellechio



March
Fat Quarter:
Pastels

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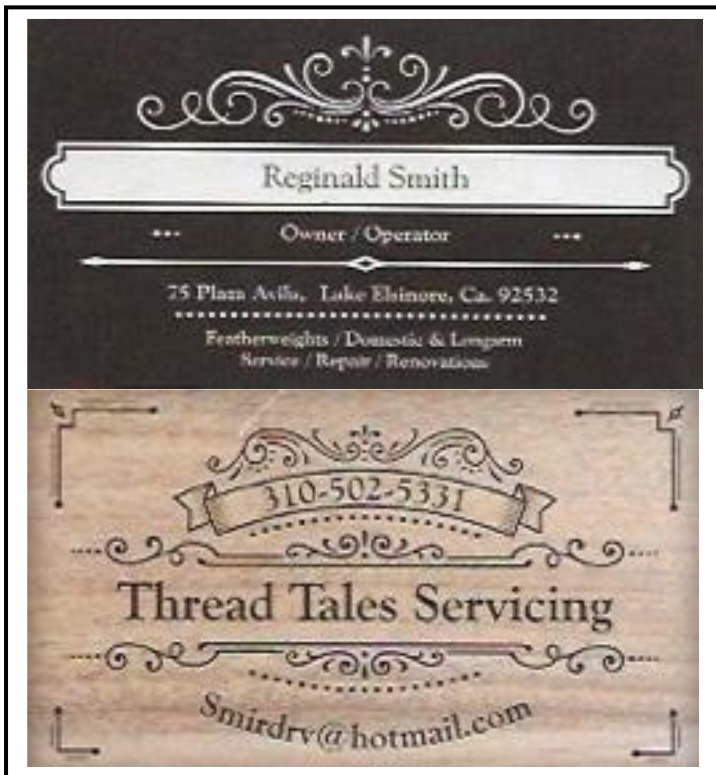
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Becky Miller has published two books. *Hoosier Daughter* is an early life memoir told in short stories. *Cat-astrophic: the Totally Varnished Truth* *About Cats* is a delightful "tail" for all cat lovers.



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**Remember to bring to the
March meeting:**

Name badge, Show & Tell items, Fat Quarter:
Pastels \$20 value or more birthday gift, if it's
your birthday this month. Also, any completed
Comfort Quilts. Finally, money for 2025-26
Opportunity Tickets (\$25) and door prize
tickets.

**Valley Quilters Guild meets at
9:30am on the 4th 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