

# Newsletter



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



## VALLEY QUILTERS - MEMBER AQS

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## President's Message



This week I am starting to name a word "Word of the Day" and thinking of that word as the day progresses. Today my word was "Thankful." Sometimes we have a hard time thinking of being Thankful when we are traveling the road that is sad. While I was on my Trip to Korea, I had three friends pass. Going to Three Celebrations of Life in a month certainly has been emotional. I was thankful to be able to have these three friends in my life. They each impacted me in different ways. I'm thankful that the two men that passed had received a quilt that was made for them by me. They had time to feel the love that went behind making the quilt. The third friend was Johnnie, no, I did not make her quilt, but the day before she passed, I texted her a picture of me riding a broom made of sticks in Korea, 'I can drive a stick.' She laughed at it and gave me a heart emoji.

So, as we go into this holiday season, please remember to let the folks around you let you know you love them and are thankful that they are in your life. I'm thankful that I am a part of this quilt guild full of talented women that are giving in so many ways. From organizing the ticket sales, selling tickets for the opportunity quilt, making Comfort quilts, pricing items, working the quilt show, serving on committees, we are so blessed to have this group of 100 ladies that I look forward to seeing at our meetings. So many lives are touched by this wonderful guild. I'm thankful I found it in 2017 to be able to meet so many talented ladies.

Grace



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### Programs

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

**November-** Becky Forbes/Speak on Paper piecing.

#### **Paper Piecing Workshop-Dec 2nd**

Don't forget at our next meeting to sign up for the paper-piecing class on December 2nd at valley wide from 9:00am to 2:00pm The cost is just \$10.

It's easy, fast, and fun! You don't want to miss this Workshop!!!

**December-** Christmas Luncheon/Entertainment



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 11/13/2025 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 November 25th 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

Nov 17	9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Nov 24	9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Nov 25	9:30am <b>VQ Guild Meeting</b> Becky Forbes/Speak on Paper Piecing
Dec 1	9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Dec 2	<b>Workshop-</b> Paper Piecing/Becky Forbes Back bldg., Valley Wide
Dec 8	<b>NO Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Dec 8	9:00am <b>VQ Board Mtg</b> Valley Wide-Front building
Dec 15	9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Dec 16	9:30am <b>VQ Guild Meeting</b> Christmas Luncheon/Entertainment
Dec 22	<b>No Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide
Dec 29	<b>No Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide

### List of Upcoming Events

#### **ROAD2CA 2026**

January 21-24, 2026

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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## November 2025

Nov 2	Marianne Crouch
Nov 6	Judy Bjorklund
Nov 7	Teresa Thompson
Nov 8	Kim James
Nov 13	Anita Mendoza
Nov 20	Barbara Bradford

### Door Prizes

Diana Fish

Happy Birthday to all our November birthday members. May your day be everything you want it to be.

Please remember to bring in your wrapped birthday gift to our door prize table before 9am so all can get a chance to put in a ticket to win your gift. Tickets are sold \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00 with monies collected going to our general operating fund.

## 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

### Mini Workshops

Mary Myers

January 6, 2026  
10am - 2pm

Learn different ways to make binding with Diane Best.  
There is a sign-up sheet, and the class is only \$5.00!



There is room left for just you

I have 10 already signed up.



## 2026 Quilt Show Volunteer Sign- up Sheets

We are desperately seeking sign-ups for all volunteer positions, such as White Gloving, Consignment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around, Opportunity ticket sales, Basket ticket sales, Greeters, and Entry Ticket sales.

We will be at one of the tables along the side wall. You can come by before the meeting, at 8:50-9:30, during our break time and at the conclusion of the meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the positions, please come talk to us.

Thanks!

Kim James

## 2026 Valley Quilters Retreat Mary Myers

March 2 - 5, 2026

I have only 20 ladies signed up for the retreat at the nunnery this year. I have room for 4 more. The final payment is due at the February guild meeting. The cost of this retreat is \$600.00, if you would like to attend. It is a lot of fun, and it is a time to get to know other members of our guild.

So, sign up and come join the fun. It is amazing how much you can get done when you don't have to stop to cook and clean up. It's GREAT!!



**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!**

**Jan Lawrence**

## 2026 Nominations for New Officers

The nominating Committee, which consist of: Mary Myers, Edna Hornkohl, Van Warner, Cindy Link, and Kathy Barbay who are part of the Thursday Sew Fun Group are happy to present the following names for consideration as guild executive officers for the 2026-27 under the guidelines of our By Laws, Article VI, Section 2.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the written consent of the Nominee. Voting shall be by ballot. If there is only one nominee, the ballot may be made by unanimous vote.

We will vote on the slated new officers at the November Guild meeting. Newly elected officers will be installed at the February 2026-27 guild meeting.

President- Amy Mora

1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs- 2026-27 Sally Hill  
2027-28 Meri Walker

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership - Lorie Mathis

Secretary - Linda Wayment

Treasurer - Kathy Smigun

Advisor - Grace Ward

### Fat Quarter Fun

Judy Adams & Candy Pellechio



November  
Fat Quarter:  
Winter Prints

## Hospitality



### Reminder

I need your \$20 deposit for the Christmas Luncheon on December 16<sup>th</sup>. I will have envelopes available at the November 25<sup>th</sup> guild meeting. Thanks,  
Deanna

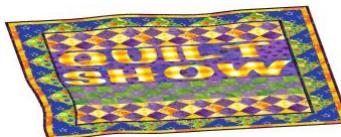
## We Need your Quilting Donations

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  
Thanks!





## 2026 Quilt Show Acquisitions

Mary Myers and Sue Roberts

If you would like to put quilts in the show, please get your Quilt Entry forms turn in ASAP! Remember, we just need the ENTRY FORM NOW. Don't forget that all quilts will need a sleeve. You can go on YouTube to find videos on how to make the sleeve.

**The Quilt entry application deadline is December 1, 2025.**

If you're ready to get your quilt entry forms filled out, you can download the application on our website: [valleyquilters.org](http://valleyquilters.org)

**Go to the Quilt Show Tab and select Entry Form**

**Or go to the Newsletter email and download the application there.**

Please read all the instructions before filling out the application. Please do not email or text me your quilt picture or a picture of you. I have no way to print them. The pictures are a must with the application. If you have entered the Show before, and know I have a personal picture of you, and you are happy with it you do not have to send another picture.

We need over **100** quilt entry applications

So far, we have **40** applications

Thanks Mary Myers. 951-445-1745

## Sunshine & Shadows

Leslie Weidner

Welcome to: Victoria Karpinski

Judith Kennedy

Joan Torbett

Diana Wheeler

Thank you to: Cindy Baird for her massive pillow case donations



## 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

Only 1 month until we share our challenge quilts at the December meeting! I hope you've had fun designing, piecing, appliquing, and quilting your masterpiece.



### **SCCQG**

Meri Walker

Nothing to report.

### **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 bring items to our next November 25<sup>th</sup> guild meeting.

Thanks!





## October Show and Tell

Janet Swindell

<u>Name</u>	<u>Quilt Description</u>	<u>Quilter</u>
Pat Spurgeon	Red, White, Blue/White Stars	Robin Ruiz
Mary Myers	Mini Wksp/2 Krista Moser Quilts	Mary Ann Olsen
Mike Yeager	Christmas Tree Wreath	Self
Mike Yeager	Twirling Snowflakes	Marianne Crouch
Mike Yeager	Rainbow Rain drop	Van Warner
Suzanne Wade	Centennial 5 quilts	Self
Kathy Silva	Lone Star	Self
Amy Mora	Winter Village/Bag	Self
Cheryl Enyeart	Babiche	Karen Gehring
Jeri Ciraolo	Halloween/Blk & White fat quarters	Self
Joan Torbett	Sampler	Kerry Marksbury
Jenell Lamb	Flag	Self
Sandra Sheridan	Mermaid/Elephant/Butterfly	Self
Henrietta & Jenell	Witches Hat	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



## Mini Quilt Raffle

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



## Quilt Show Vendor Showcase



For our Quilt show 2026 we have two members who are going to be vendors.

First is Reggie Smith with his business THREAD TALES SERVICING.

Reggie has been a vendor before for our show and will be bringing sewing machines, notions, books, and cabinets. Thread Tales Servicing also offers sewing machine services. Make sure to drop by the booth and say hello.

Kathy Silva has a booth with the business name of GOOD TRADE, and this is the first time as a vendor at our show. She will have an assortment of vintage buttons, hankies, jewelry, antique dishes, some linens and bags. I look forward to seeing what Kathy has.

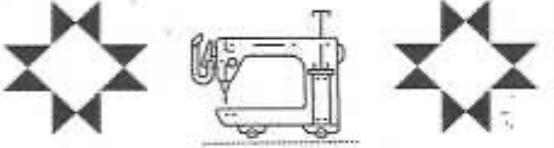
Quilts of Valor is back and will try to present a quilt or two.

Pollys Posies is back again with her handcrafted fabric flowers.

And the Sawdust Man returns with his wood crafted items. The best seam rippers, I have one. Carrie Wilson will be there with her wide backs and maybe the wonderful goat milk soap.

Bobbi Linderman is back Designs by Bobbi with her bags of all kinds, big and small.

More vendors next newsletter.



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**Becky Miller** has published two books.  
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told in short stories.  
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**Remember to bring to the  
November meeting:**

Name badge, Show & Tell items, Fat Quarter: Winter Prints, \$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 \$\$, \$20 for Christmas Luncheon, \$10 for the Paper Piecing mini workshop, Membership renewal form and \$30.00, and door prize ticket money.