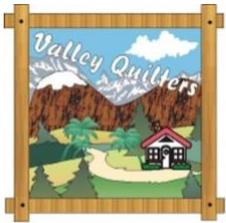


Newsletter



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

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President's Message



I feel so blessed to have served as President of the Valley Quilters for the last 2 years. To pass this position on to Amy Mora is a privilege. To finish this on a high note of the 2026 quilt show being a huge success. We had over 100 more visitors this year than last. Our income was higher and the baskets were beyond generous. I was a winner of a basket, and I cannot even begin to tell you all the things that were in this basket. Now I must start working on the projects I was given by winning and showing what I can accomplish this year.

Of course, wearing my sparkling headdress at the quilt show, people would stop by me and complement our quilt show and the quilts so many times, I cannot count. People commented on how professional our show was displayed, the talent of the quilters, (be it the quilt top or quilting), our vendors, our opportunity quilt and our baskets. OUR VOLUNTEERS---We are so blessed with our members and their volunteering wherever needed. Without our members volunteering in so many areas, we would not have had a successful show. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. Our Quilt Show Chair, Kim James and her sidekick, Kathy Ray, did an amazing job organizing and helping the different committees when needed.

Again, I say thank you for allowing me to be your president and know when I say all our members are like family to me, it is the way I feel. When I come to our meeting I feel like I'm coming to a family reunion. Even when we were cold, last month, for the most part, people still smiled (maybe frozen), but their hearts were warm. See you Tuesday.

Grace



2025-26 Programs

Elaine Giometti

1st Vice President

February- Installation of 2026-27 Officers

QUILTED COATS -Program and Workshop for March 2026

Sally Hill

Our 1st speaker and workshop for 2026 will be Diana Karna from Stitching Style-Quilted Coats on **March 24 Guild Meeting**. She will speak about how to make a Quilted Coat and how to feel confident sewing a coat. On The following day, **March 25-Wednesday**, Diana Karna will have a **Quilted Coat Workshop** at Valley Wide Park in San Jacinto. She will show us how to make custom pattern adjustments and sew with confidence. Diana will offer lots of guidance and encouragement so that we will end up with a finished or near finished coat.

The cost of the workshop is \$35, which covers the instructor and room rental. I will give you a printout for fabric requirements and Prep requirements before the workshop. **The cost of the pattern for the Quilted Coat is \$30**, which you will receive the pattern the day of the class. **The total is \$65**. I will only take cash or check. There is a 20-person limit for this class. I hope you will join us for this workshop. It should be a fun and learning experience. **The last day for Sign-ups for the workshop will be on February 24 Guild Meeting**. I will be located at a table towards the back of the room.

Sally Hill - Programs 2026-2027

If you have any question, you may contact me - sal6616@hotmail.com



Quilters Calendar

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| Feb 23 | 9:00am Needle Yakkers
Valley Wide |
| Feb 24 | 9:30am VQ Guild Meeting/ Installation of 2026-27 Officers |
| Mar 2 | 9:00am Needle Yakkers
Valley Wide |
| Mar 2-5 | Nunnery Quilt Retreat |
| Mar 9 | No Needle Yakkers Valley Wide |
| Mar 9 | 9:00am VQ Board Mtg
Valley Wide-Front building |
| Mar 16 | Needle Yakkers Valley Wide |
| Mar 23 | 9:00am Needle Yakkers
Valley Wide |
| Mar 24 | 9:30am VQ Guild Meeting/ Speaker, Diana Karna/ Quilted Coat |
| Mar 25 | Quilt Coat Workshop/ Valley wide, back blg (9:00am - 2:00pm) |
| Mar 30 | 9:00am Needle Yakkers
Valley Wide |

List of Upcoming Events

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 2026

Feb 2	Lina Britton
Feb 5	Joan Torbett
Feb 6	Jenell Lamb
Feb 19	Rosalie Reed
Feb 20	Jan Lawrence
Feb 26	Lynette Schroedle

March 2026

Mar 3	Pat Newsom
Mar 4	Sue Roberts
Mar 11	Cheryl Enyeart
Mar 13	Kathy Smigun
Mar 13	Kathy Silva
Mar 22	Kathy Christensen
Mar 23	Henrietta Dorner
Mar 27	Virginia Peckman

Door Prizes

Diana Fish

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all our February birthday members!!

Please remember to bring in your wrapped birthday gift to our door prize table. Bring it in early or late, we need your door prize. Tickets are 7 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. New sewing related donations are also welcomed. Monies collected go into our general operating fund so we can pay the rent and speakers. Have a great day and I will see you at Guild Meeting



Lorie Mathis

It's Membership Renewal time for 2026-27

Membership cost is \$30.00. Please print the membership form from the bottom of the Newsletter or go to our website to download the membership application at valleyquilters.org

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. Or you can bring the membership info to the February 24th guild meeting.

Thank You!

Lorie Mathis

Membership Chair





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 Valley Quilters Retreat

March 2-5, 2026.

Mary Myers

Retreat time is almost here!

We still have space for your friend to come with you.

The Final payment is due February 24, 2026.

We start at 10am on Monday, then our first meal will be lunch and we leave at 2pm on Thursday. There is no lunch on Thursday.

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

Mini Quilt Raffle

It's MINI time everyone!!!

Let's keep the "mini quit raffle going!

Nancy Alaksin & Cheryl Enyeart



Hospitality

Deanna Coleman



I will be passing around the 2026 Scholarship Brunch sign-up sheets at the February 24th guild meeting.

Quilt Show 2026 Ribbon Winners

Large Pieced

- 1st Grace Ward
- 2nd Linda Bretton
- 3rd Linda Bretton

Medium Pieced

- 1st Karin Pavlovsky
- 2nd Joan Torbett
- 3rd Amy Mora

Small Pieced

- 1st Kathryn Marsh
- 2nd Linda Card
- 3rd Lynette Schroedle

Miniature Pieced

- 1st Joan Dorr
- 2nd Joan Dorr
- 3rd Jan Lawrence

Innovative Art/Fusible Applique

- 1st Amy Mora
- 2nd Caren Cooke Ryan
- 3rd Sandra Sheridan

Machine Embroidery

- 1st Carol Bassford
- 2nd Carol Bassford
- 3rd Mary Ann Olsen

Hand Applique

- 1st Linda Piraino
- 2nd Betty Cannavino
- 3rd Sheryl Eramo

Machine Applique

- 1st Mike Yeager
- 2nd Mike Yeager
- 3rd Mike Yaeger

Mixed

- 1st Sue Roberts
- 2nd Laura Frazier
- 3rd Debbie Schmelzlen

Group

- 1st Kathy Barbay
- 2nd Nimble Fingers
- 3rd Amy Mora

New Quilter

- 1st Diana Wheeler

Hand Embroidery

- 1st Linda Darling

Hand Quilted

- 1st Caren Cooke Ryan
- 2nd Lewis Callahan
- 3rd Lewis Callahan

Domestic Machine

- 1st Amy Mora
- 2nd Charlotte Morton
- 3rd Lelsie Weidner

Free Motion

- 1st Van Warner
- 2nd Linda Bretton
- 3rd Mike Yeager

Computer Assisted

- 1st Mary Waller
- 2nd Carol Miller
- 3rd Charlotte Morton

BEST OF SHOW

Name: Linda Piraino
Quilted by: Mary Ruth Wilson

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Name: Joan Dorr
Quilted by: Mary Ann Olsen

JUDGE'S CHOICE

Name: Caren Cooke Ryan
Quilted By: Sandy Deckins

VIEWER'S CHOICE

Name: Rose Rhoads
Quilted by: Karen Kimmel

Sunshine & Shadows

Leslie Weidner

Thank You cards: Lynda Morrissette for 2 cars worth of craft and quilt donations.

Mary Johnston for 4 boxes of notions, patterns, books, unwrapped new items.

Francine Bangert for her mother's sewing machine, table chair, lighting, fabric and lots of notions. A very sizable donation!

Sympathy card: Barbara Mages's mother-in-law (Chris's mom) died.



Winner of the 2026 Philanthropic

Quilt was

Bess Staton

Congratulations!!!

(No picture Available)

Fat Quarter Fun

Judy Adams & Candy Pellechio



February

Fat Quarter:

Low Volume Prints

January Show and Tell

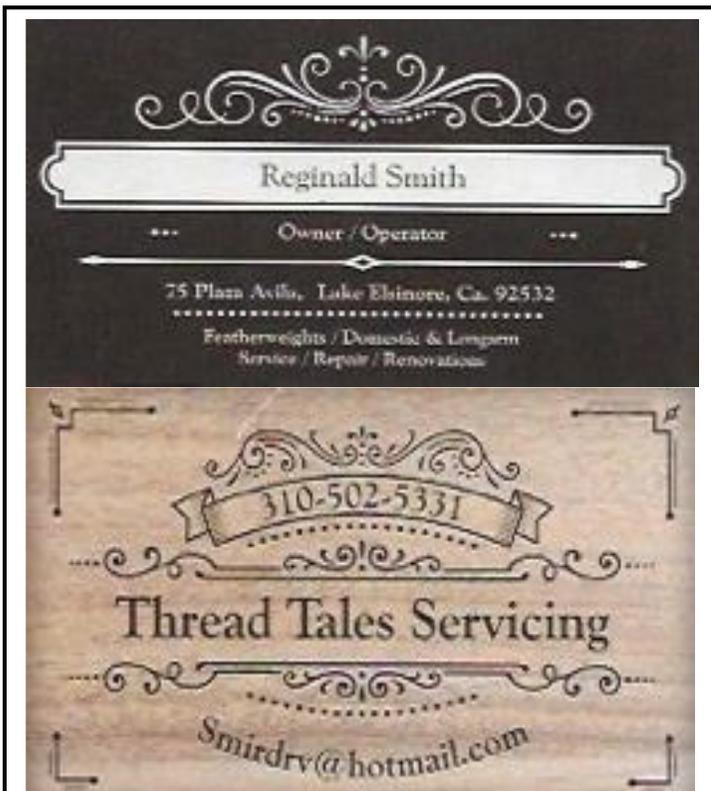
Janet Swindell

<u>Name</u>	<u>Quilt Description</u>	<u>Quilter</u>
Chain Gang	Love to Read	Jan Lawrence
Lyla Stigall	Crazy Nine Patch Too	n/a
Meri Walker	Flag	Self
	Kids	Self
Mary Myers	Licorice and Lollipops	Mary AnnOlsen
Joan Dorr	Avery Sue Mimi Workshop	Mary Ann Olsen
Elaine Geometti	T-Shirt Quilt	Self
Linda Gunn	Yackkers	Self
Karen Pavlovsky	Santas	N/A
Suzanne Wade	Wall Hanging & Table Topper	Self
Kathy Silva	Purple Haze	Self
Leslie Weidner	Eleanor Burns 80 th Birthday Party	Jeri

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.



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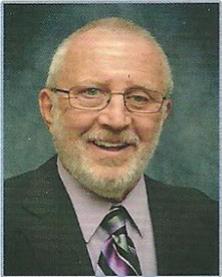
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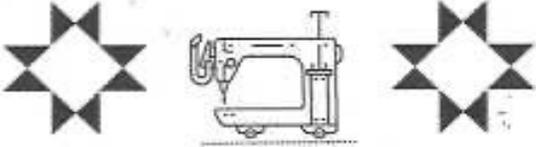


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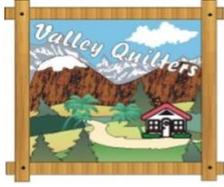
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**Remember to bring to the
February meeting:**

Name badge, Show & Tell items, Fat Quarter:
Low Volume Prints \$20 value or more birthday
gift, if it's your birthday this month. Also, any
completed Comfort Quilts. Finally, Quilted
Jacket Workshop Funds of \$65 for workshop &
pattern, Membership renewal form and \$30.00,
and door prize ticket money.

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).

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