

# Newsletter



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



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## President's Message



It is amazing that Christmas has come and gone. My family enjoyed a great time during the holidays of being together and sharing memories. My youngest grandson informed his mother that she did not plan this year's Christmas correctly. In the past, she worked part time and planned many activities around the family. She had the boys cook breakfast and serve the meal to the grandparents on her good dishes, made and decorated homemade cookies, bought pj's for the family to have pictures, opened gifts with the extended family on Christmas Eve, watched a movie and drank hot chocolate one evening and made homemade cinnamon rolls for Christmas morning. This year she is working full-time, working on her master's degree, planning the lives of two 16-year-olds going in different directions, navigating the 10-year-old executive trying to be the CEO of the household as well as just daily task to be done. No Pressure let's just say that he did get Christmas PJs on Christmas eve, he got the movie and hot chocolate, cinnamon rolls, and had an awesome Christmas.

My son gave an opportunity to choose a gift to the 16-year-olds. You could take the money, or you could go somewhere with him for a day to make memories. One 16-year-old gave him the money so he could go somewhere and have memories, the other took the money.

SO, Christmas is behind us and now we have two things that are very important to consider. First, we all need to renew our membership and complete the form that shows how you would like to participate on the new board. Please consider how you can be of value to our guild by volunteering for some positions on committees. Your voice is important.

THEN...QUILT SHOW TIME is fast approaching. If you did not get a chance to listen to the KFrog recording, I encourage you to listen to it. It might remind you of how awesome our guild is. **WE NEED YOU** to sign up for **more than one slot**. Opportunity baskets, 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around, Consignment shop, White Gloving, ticket sales and many other opportunities. Continue to spread the word about our show. The more times you share the more opportunities there are for people to come and enjoy our Quilt Show.

Grace

## 2025-26 Programs

Elaine Geometti

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

**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.

**February-** Installation of 2026-27 Officers



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 email sent out on 01/15/2026 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 January 27th 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. **If you decide to mail your Membership form, I need to receive it by February 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest for it to appear in the 2026-27 Yearbook.**

Thank You!

Lorie Mathis

Membership Chair

## Quilters Calendar

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Jan 19    | 9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b><br>Valley Wide                   |
| Jan 26    | 9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b><br>Valley Wide                   |
| Jan 27    | 9:30am <b>VQ Guild Meeting/</b> Quilt Show Review             |
| Jan 29    | <b>Last Pricing</b> , Sharon Brewer's house, 8:30am - 11:30am |
| Feb 2     | 9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b><br>Valley Wide                   |
| Feb 9     | <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide                             |
| Feb 11-12 | 2026 Quilt Show Setup   |
| Feb 13-14 | 2026 VQ Quilt Show  |
| Feb 16    | <b>No Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide                          |
| Feb 16    | 9:00am <b>VQ Board Mtg</b><br>Valley Wide-Front building      |
| Feb 23    | 9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b><br>Valley Wide                   |
| Feb 24    | 9:30am <b>VQ Guild Meeting/</b> Installation of Officers      |

## 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)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## 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 27	Diana Fish
Jan 28	Lori Fraizer

### Door Prizes Diana Fish

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! and HAPPY NEW YEAR!! to all our January birthday members including ME! Just a little reminder to bring in your wrapped birthday gift worth about \$20.00 retail to our door prize table, before 9am please so all can put their tickets in to win. If you can't attend bring it in early or late i don't keep track, we just need the door prize. We accept sewing related donations also. Tickets are 7 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Monies raised go into our general operating fund.

Thank You.  
Diana



## 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

### 2026 Quilt Show Volunteer Sign- up Sheets

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

**White Gloving**- Fri (3) 10-12pm (4) 12-2pm, (5) 2-4pm. Sat (4) 10-12pm, (6) 12-2pm, (3) 2-4pm

**Entry Ticket Sales** Fri 11-1pm; Sat 11-1pm, 1-4pm

**Consignment**- Thurs 12-3pm; Fri 2-4pm

**Opportunity Baskets** - Fri 12-2pm, 2-4 pm

I can be reached at 951-237-5496 or by email at pjskid11@mac.com if you are unable to sign up at the meeting or have general questions.

Thank you all so much, Kim James



## Congratulations to Diana Fish!!

Our 2026-27 Honorary Member



## 2026 Valley Quilters Retreat Mary Myers

It is getting that time to be thinking about our retreat. March 2-5, 2026.

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. More information to follow.

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.

## QUILTED COATS -Program and Workshop for March 2026

Sally Hill

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 27, 2026, guild 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.)

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

Sally Hill - Programs 2026-2027



## 2026 Quilt Show Vendor Showcase

Diana Fish

I saved some of the best for last New to the show is **Linda's Creations**. Linda Bartlett Will have available baby items, adult and kid's aprons, all handmade by Linda.

**Cuzi's Custom Crafts and Embroidery** return with Totes, Travel bags, Water bottle carriers, hot pad holders, oven mitts, placemats, eye glass cases and some bowl cozies.

**Yoder Do, Handmade Quilling cards** is back, and if you haven't seen her artwork yet be sure to stop by at the show. They are amazing.

It's been a few years since we have had **ABC Patterns** with us, but Sally is back with Patterns, some fabric and some nick knacks.

Last but not least is **Quilts of Valor**. **Peggy Miller** heads up the Perris chapter. And will be handing out applications and awarding Quilts., so if you know a military veteran bring them to the show and sign them up.

### Vendor List

California Heritage Quilt Project  
Lyn's Fab Five  
Yoder Do Quilling  
ABC Patterns  
Falling for Fabric  
The Quilting and Stitchery Cottage  
Thread Tales Servicing  
Cuzi's Custom Crafts and Embroidery  
Designs by Bobbi  
Fantabulous Backs  
Sawdust Man  
Polly's Posies  
Linda's Creations  
Good Trade  
Quilts of Valor

Make sure you see our vendors at the Quilt show!!!



**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>h</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

A Get-Well card was sent to Sally  
Isaacson and Judy Kennedy.



**Fat Quarter Fun**

Judy Adams & Candy Pellechio



January  
Fat Quarter:  
Green (St. Patricks Day)

# Valley Quilters Quilt Show 2026 Committee Chairs

Kim James Quilt Show Chair

951-237-5496

## Opportunity Quilt

Amy Mora

## Acquisitions/Programs/Judge

Mary Myers & Sue Roberts

## Quilt Tickets

Lupe Torres

## Vendors/Door Prizes

Diana Fish

## Opportunity Baskets

Linda Card

## Decorations

Candy Pellechio

## Comfort Quilts

Jan Lawrence

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

Sharon Brewer

## Consignment

Janet Swindell & Pat Spurgeon

## Kitchen

Carol Miller and Meri Walker

## Publicity

Virginia Peckham

## Annoucer

Judy Adams

## Volunteer Job Sign-Up

Nancy Witt & Penny Beaulieu

## Featured Quilter

Kathy Barbay

## 2026 Quilt Show Kitchen Menu/Cost

Wednesday - FOR WORKERS ONLY- **Pizza** to be purchased by the Guild

Thursday - FOR WORKERS ONLY or you can bring your own lunch  
**Turkey or Ham Sub Sandwich with your choice of Potato or Pasta salad** \$10.00 EACH WITH PREORDER

Friday - FOR WORKERS AND VENDORS ONLY or you can bring your own lunch

**3 Chicken Strips with Coleslaw, Roll and Fresh Fruit**  
\$10.00 EACH WITH PREORDER

Saturday - FOR ALL WORKERS & VENDORS ONLY or bring your own lunch

**A Variety of Homemade Soups with Baguette and Salad**  
\$10.00 EACH MEAL

Please bring cash and pay for your Thursday, Friday and Saturday lunches to be ordered. We need them ordered and paid for either at the **January 27<sup>th</sup> Guild meeting** or **when you drop your quilts off on Wednesday, February 11th, please come to the kitchen and pay.**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Carol Miller at 951-454-3387

Or

Meri Walker at 909-645-3229

**WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF DONATIONS OF  
SODAS, WATER, AND VARIOUS SNACK ITEMS**

## December Show and Tell

Janet Swindell

<u>Name</u>	<u>Quilt Description</u>	<u>Quilter</u>
Cheryl Enyeart	Eye Spy/Bonnie Hunter Laundry Basket	Karen
Meri Walker	Paper Piecing Class	Self
Suzanne Wade	Daughter's Christmas quilt	Self
Sally Hill	Candy Dish	Self
Deanna Coleman	Flamingos	Self
Leslie Weidner	21st Century Christmas	Georgia
Amy Mora	Paper Piecing Class	Self
Jeri Ciraclo	Green and Red Christmas	Self
Mary Myers	3 yd Quilt donated to Birth Choice	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.



## Challenge Quilt Show and Tell

Pat Spurgeon

1. Pat Spurgeon
2. Nancy Alaksin
3. Diana Fish
4. Sally Hill
5. Jan Lawrence
6. Grace Ward
7. Linda Bretton
8. Cheryl Enyeart
9. Joan Dorr
10. Carol Miller
11. Janet Swindell
12. Leslie Weidner
13. Linda Gunn
14. Henrietta Dorner
15. Jenelle Lamb
16. Sue Roberts



## SCCQG

Meri Walker

January the meeting was about various ways of fundraising. A recording of the meeting will be available on the SCCQG website soon.

## Mini Quilt Raffle

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



## 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, [djcasoli50@gmail.com](mailto:djcasoli50@gmail.com)

## Message from Becky Miller Pull Tabs

Thanks to you and the Menifee Quilting Angels, I have a bag of over 3 and 1/2 lbs of soda tabs to deliver to Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. All have been collected since April 2025. Please keep saving that soda pull tabs. Also, please note soda tabs are aluminum. Pull tabs on food cans are tin and not viable for this project.



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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  
January meeting:**

Name badge, Show & Tell items, Fat Quarter: Green (St Patrick's Day), \$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, Membership renewal form and \$30.00, and Quilt Show Lunches \$10 each 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)**