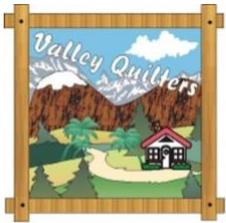


# Newsletter



**"Quilting carries a long history of Community and Social engagement;  
as empathy for those in need and as affection for those we love."**

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## President's Message



Why do I quilt? I love creating - making something with my hands, feeling the fabric, smelling the steam off the iron, enjoying the colors, watching the needle make something that wasn't there before. Creation is a process to enjoy, to struggle with, to overcome and finally, to master. When the process is complete, I admire my handiwork, then show it off to my family and friends to receive praise and accolades for my cleverness and patience.

I then give it away or keep it, enter it into a show or tuck it away for later. What next? Of course I start it all over with another project! I love to begin the project - choose the pattern, gather the fabric, buy everything I need, then I start! Press, cut, sew. Each new project carries with it the promise of a beautiful quilt, free of complications and difficulty. Before I start, all of the fabrics I chose are perfect and plentiful. My rotary cutters are sharp and my rulers are ready! I measure twice and cut! Heaven!!

But I think there is more to quilting than just sewing blankets. Quilting is my creative outlet, yes, but quilts are also able to give warmth and comfort to the recipients, as well as beauty. There are many reasons to give a quilt to someone, but it is usually tied up with well wishes, whether it is for birth, celebration, even for death. As a quilter, I want to reach out, maybe make a difference, and say "I care." As a guild, we come together to share our creativity with each other and our community. Through Needle Yakkers, we reach out to those who are struggling in life and offer what we can give: warmth, comfort and well wishes. If you have never been, or if it has been a while, I would like to invite you to Needle Yakkers so you can see first-hand how we touch our community. I also recommend you pick up a kit and make a comfort quilt or two!

Happy Quilting!!

Amy

## 2026-27 Programs

Sally Hill

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**- Our 1<sup>st</sup> speaker for 2026 will be Diana Karna from Stitching Style-Quilted Coats on March 24 Guild Meeting. Diana will speak about how she evolved from Garment making to Quilt making and combining them both to making Wearable art. She will have various samples of wearable items and will be selling her patterns.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**- Scholarship Brunch/Awards

Sally Hill

**PROGRAM**



### Membership

Lorie Mathis

Our membership is at 100 members.

### Mini Quilt Raffle

Ann Nicholas

It's MINI time everyone!!!

Let's keep the "mini quit raffle going!



## Quilters Calendar

- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| Mar 16   | <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide  |
| Mar 23   | 9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide   |
| Mar 24   | 9:30am <b>VQ Guild Meeting</b> /Speaker, Diana Karna, Stitching Styled-Quilted Coats |
| Mar 30   | 9:00am <b>Sew-In Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide                                      |
| April 6  | 9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide   |
| Apr 13   | <b>No Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide   |
| April 13 | 9:00am <b>VQ Board Mtg</b> Valley Wide-Front building                                |
| Apr 20   | 9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide   |
| Apr 27   | 9:00am <b>Needle Yakkers</b> Valley Wide   |
| Apr 28   | 9:30am <b>VQ Guild Meeting</b> /Scholarship Luncheon/Awards                          |

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## March 2026

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

## April 2026

Apr 10	Nancy Smith
Apr 13	Elizabeth Lehner
Apr 13	Linda Bretton
Apr 27	Shiralyn Yates

### Door Prizes Diana Fish

Happy Birthday to all our members who have a March birthday.

Hope you all enjoyed your special day. Please remember to bring your wrapped birthday present to the door prize table before 9 am so we all can bid on your gift. If you forgot your turn, bring it in this month. Or bring it in early. New sewing related donations are welcomed. I will have a surprise or two to add. Tickets are 7 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Have a great day and I will see you at the Guild meeting



### Retreats Mary Myers

We had a GREAT time at Vina de Lestonnac with everyone. I hope you all got to see all the pictures that were on our guild Facebook page. So many pretty quilts were made this week.

Our dates for next year will be **March 1, 2007, through the 4th. The price will be the same as this year \$600.00.**

For easy bookkeeping this year we are asking for **3 equal payments of \$200.00.** The first will be **due on April 28, 2026,** to reserve your spot. The others will be on **September 22, 2026,** and the final on **February 23, 2027.** Please don't get left out and get your deposit in. **Only the first 24 will get to go.**

The other retreat is **Luther Glen, Oak Glen** and that will be on **November 9th through the 12, 2026.**

I have no real information yet on that. I will be putting that out as soon as I have information from them.

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

# March

**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.

**SEW-IN Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**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

**Presentation of  
2027 Opportunity Quilt  
by Cindy Link  
May Flowers**



**2026-27 Philanthropic Quilt  
Ticket Sales  
Lupe Torres**

Please come and see me at the March 24<sup>th</sup> Guild Meeting to pick up your 2027 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 2027 year.  
Thanks, Lupe



## 2026-27 Challenge

Suzanne Wade

The two Challenges for this year could be considered three, depending on how they are viewed, but there will only be prizes for two.

### Challenge I - Half Yard Quilt Challenge

Rules of Engagement:

1. You will purchase for \$6.00 a half yard, the designated fabric which will be in a stapled brown paper bag.
2. It is best if you don't share the fabric with others before the Reveal in December because that may give another person a 'jump start' with an idea for their project.
3. It is rather expected that you make a quilt, which must be finished, including the binding to qualify.
4. There will be a prize for the best entry - judged by your quilting peers and where a tie may exist, the chairperson shall break the tie.
5. Enjoy the journey, may your creative juices flow and may the best quilt carry home the reward.
6. You are allowed to join both challenges if you desire, just remember to keep the rules separate.

### Challenge II - Unfinished/Unstarted Projects

Rules of Engagement:

1. You must list a minimum of FIVE Unfinished/Unstarted Projects
2. Identify Each Unfinished/Unstarted Project as:
  - a. UFO
  - b. PIG
  - c. SEX
  - d. JUMP
  - e. KITE
  - f. QUILT
  - g. HALF
  - h. STASH
  - i. RIBBON
  - j. SEW
  - k. SKILL
  - l. LAP
  - m. PIECED
3. All projects MUST be complete, including Quilting and Binding
4. In designated months display your Unfinished/Unstarted Project for all to see
5. Receive credit for Finished Project
6. When you do display your project, name the designation, BUT DO NOT TRANSLATE it.

Thanks!

You may complete more than one project within the designated month spans, if you have included a sublist of items you have "put off" and "would like to complete/start."

If you are confused as to which designation to use for your entry, see the sign-in sheet for a translation.

Once you have signed up, **PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THE DESIGNATIONS SO THAT WE CAN KEEP IT FUNNY AND EXCITING**

If you have any questions, you can email or call Suzanne at

[gltanql@verizon.net](mailto:gltanql@verizon.net) or 951-380-1210

# Hospitality

## Deanna Coleman



I will be passing around the 2026 Scholarship Brunch sign-up sheets at the March 24th guild meeting. Below is what we have so far.

### 2026 SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH, APRIL 28th (Before Meeting)

<b>CASSEROLES</b>		<b>FRUIT</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Dish</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dish</b>
Carrie Dixon	Breakfast casserole	Amy	Fruit salad
Carol Bassford	Breakfast casserole	Carol Millere	Fruit tray
Mary Myers	Egg bake	Lyla Stigall	?
Barbara Bradford	Casserole?	Kathy Barbay	Strawberries
Sally Isaacson	?		
Becky Miller	Egg salad sandwiches		
Sue Roberts	Breakfast casserole	<b>JUICE</b>	
Teresa Thompson	TBD	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dish</b>
Virginia Peckham	TBD	Lupe Torres	Orange juice
		Susie Barron	Cranberry juice
<b>DONUTS/MUFFINS/BAGELS (with cream cheese)</b>		Pat Spurgeon	Apple juice
<b>Name</b>	<b>Dish</b>	Jeananne	Pineapple juice
Penny Beaulieu	Muffins		
Linda St. Jean	Muffins	<b>DEVILED EGGS</b>	
Diana Wheeler	Donuts	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dish</b>
Linda Card	Bagels	Pat Newsom	Deviled eggs
Winette Miller	Banana nut bread	Diana Fish	Eggs and candied bacon
Linda Wayment	?	Van Warner	Deviled eggs
Kim James	Muffins		
Rebecca Blosier	Bagels	<b>DESSERTS</b>	
Linda Gunn	Donuts	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dish</b>
		Sandi Sheridan	Apple crisp
<b>SALADS</b>		Edna Hornkell	?
<b>Name</b>	<b>Dish</b>	Norma Murgvia	?
Cindy Link	?	Leslie Weidner	Brownies
Marianne Crouch	Pasta salad	Anita Mendoza	?
Judy Bjorkland	Fruit	Joan Dorr	Hummingbird cake
Barbara Mages	Veggie salad	Nancy Witt	Cookies
Bev Wallace	Potato salad	Judy Kennedy	Jello cake

# Outgoing and Incoming Guild Officers, Plus Presidents Gift

2026-27



## 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!



## Fat Quarter Fun

Judy Adams & Candy Pellechio



March  
Fat Quarter:  
Pastels

## February Show and Tell

Janet Swindell

<u>Name</u>	<u>Quilt Description</u>	<u>Quilter</u>
Kim James	N/A	N/A
Pat Spurgeon	N/A	N/A
Suzanne Wade	N/A	N/A
Barabara Mages	N/A	N/A
Lila Stigall	N/A	N/A
Jan Lawrence	N/A	N/A
Deanna Coleman	N/A	N/A
Amy Mora	N/A	N/A
Meri Walker	N/A	N/A
Susie Barron	N/A	N/A
Jeri Ciruolo	N/A	N/A
Leslie Weidner	N/A	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.

Thank You to all the Ladies that  
Contributed Monthly Mini's this past year

Cheryl Enyeart

Nancy Alaksin

Jan Lawrence

Sue Roberts

Nancy Alaksin

Jeri Ciruolo

Becky Miller

Sally Hill

Diana Fish

Penny Beaulieu

Henrietta Dohner

Charolotte Morton

Leslie Weidner

*Thank You!*  


## Sunshine & Shadows

Leslie Weidner

Just have-

2 get well cards to: Judy Kennedy for a bad fall; and Elaine Geometti for her back surgery.

1 Thinking of You to: Elaine Geometti for her recovery

That's all I have for February



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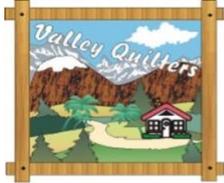
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**Remember to bring to the  
March meeting:**

Name badge, Show & Tell items, Fat Quarter: Pastel, \$20 value or more birthday gift, if it's your birthday this month. Also, any completed Comfort Quilts. Finally, \$25 for your 2027 Opportunity Quilt Tickets, 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.**

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