



# Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds

December 2010

## President's Comments

Greetings Quilters,

Here is hoping you all had wonderful holidays with friends and family. Now we are at the start of a great New Year. Each New Year instead of making resolutions that seem to get broken I take on a new project. One time I actually cleaned out my closet! It was the year my husband passed away and I gave most of his things to needy veterans, thereby giving me more space to spread out! I guess that year really doesn't count.

This past year, 2010, I have met the most wonderful woman, yes a quilter! The short story is as SCCQG president I get most of the guilds' newsletters emailed to me. The Friendship Square Guild in Whittier sends me a hard copy. In their December issue was an article that caught my eye, "Message From Sandra Williams." After several days of hunting I finally located the original author of another related letter from Afghanistan. Erika L. Fields, SFC, USA leads a group of wonderful quilters, knitters and crocheters in an effort to make baby and children's quilts, hats and booties. They do all of this on their own time, with their own funds in a war zone in an area that a chaplain has given them. Erika told me newborns are being wrapped in newspaper and sent home because there are no blankets available. The group's needs are very simple: sewing machine needles, hand needles, thread, fabric, flannel for batting and anything else we can think of to make their efforts easier. Erika and her husband are both deployed in Afghanistan. All of the women in her group are American soldiers doing work for others in the midst of a war, not in a pretty sewing room. Here is what I am doing this year, and you can be a part of it if you wish. I went to the USPO and got the largest box that can be sent anywhere for \$12.50 at any weight. Stuff it with as much sewing goods as that box can hold and mail it to:

ERIKA L. FIELDS  
USFOR-A NKC  
AFN PAO  
APO AE 09356

Please note: This is NOT a political statement for or against the war. This is merely my effort to help our American soldiers quilt, knit and crochet and help others. If you or your guild would like to join me wonderful!

On another note, thank all of you for participating in SCCQG Elections. Thank you Becky Miller for completing the online voting. And, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president for another two years. I can always be reached via email or cell phone 714.313 9492. SCCQG is a great source of information for your guild and please share it with your membership. Our programs are interesting and the friendship is so rewarding.

See all of you January 8, 2011,

Kaaren Nowlin



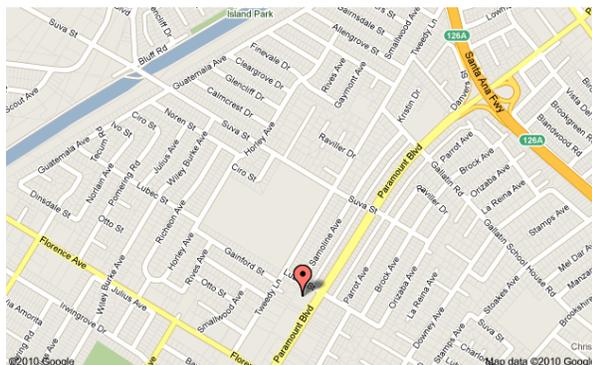
### [January 2011 Meeting](#)

New Year - New Ideas Saturday, January 8, 2011 our member guild Los Angeles County Quilters will host our SCCQG meeting at the Downey Women's Club at 9813 Paramount Boulevard, Downey, Ca.

Our contact from the guild is Penny Soldin. Her email address is PSoldin@aolcom Please RSVP to let her know how many from your guild will attend or to make reservations to show you're Opportunity Quilt.

Our program topic will be **Brainstorming: NEW IDEAS FOR FUND RAISING OR HOW TO WAKE UP THE OLD IDEAS**. We will break up in groups to discuss the endless possibilities of how to raise money for your guild, keeping notes as we go. Ideas will be compiled and sent out to each guild for inspiration after the meeting.

Cathe Hedrick, Program Chair



From the east or south, take I-5 N toward LA. Exit Paramount Blvd, Exit 126A. Turn Left on Paramount Blvd. 9813 will be on Right, just beyond Lubec Street. Do not cross Florence Ave.

From the north, take I-5 south and exit Paramount Blvd. as instructed above.

REMEMBER APRIL IS "MEET THE TEACHERS"

## Minutes of October 2010 Meeting

Members of the Coastal Quilters, welcomed members to the October I, 2010 meeting, at St. Andrews Church in Santa Barbara. Kaaren Nolin, president, SCCQG, brought the meeting to order. The meeting had been preceded by a board meeting, which ran slightly long, began slightly after the appointed hour. Since Kaaren forgot to bring her personal U.S Flag and there was not one present in the assembly room, the meeting began without the normal Pledge of Allegiance. Karen acknowledged the first time attending guild representatives and added a welcome on behalf of SCCQG. Kai Easton, treasurer of Coastal Quilters of Santa Barbara, received the host check on behalf of the guild. The group was reminded to check the information table for quilt shop info and other packets that should be taken home to their respective guilds.

A quick show of hands of those individual representing guilds was done since there was not a large group. It was determined we did not have a quorum needed for the voting issues, but since the issues could not be tabled, the vote would be taken and a general electronic mailing would go out to all member guilds asking for a response, until a quorum was established.

Cathe Hedrick, program chair for SCCQG, announced we need host guilds for 2011, especially January, since the guild originally scheduled as hosts had to cancel their invitation. Hosts for 3 meetings are needed. Guilds interested should contact Cathe.

Don Beld, gave a momentary plug for the book "Men in Quilting" written by Joe Cunningham which features 30 prominent men in quilting, just released, and in which Don is included. Copies of the proposed

budget were given to the SCCQG members present. The income is down. This is due to not fewer members of SCCQG, but to fewer guild members in general. Most of our income is from liability insurance sales, which are based per person in each guild. As guild member-ships have decreased, so has our income.

Toward the bottom of the proposed 2011 budget there is one number change. The board has decided to revamp, remodel and redesign our website and obtain a new webmaster. The current proposed budget before this decision was \$800, which covers yearly maintenance and server fees. Since a complete overhaul was decided, this figure should now be \$2000. A call for discussion was made. Then the motion for the additional money was presented by Jan Steffen and was seconded by Olive Pratt. The motion to accept the adjusted budget proposal was made by Linda Gill and seconded by Patti Voyles. An oral vote of representatives present was accepted.

Don Beld commented that the Federal Government is revoking a number of non-profit standings for quilt guilds in California. Please, go back to your guild and remind them that they must file a 501-c3. Each year it is necessary to file a 990 form and a schedule A that goes with that form. Both forms are needed.

Becky Miller presented the nominating committee report. One change was made to the officer candidates listed since the newsletter was published. The committee would like to recommend the following.

President - Kaaren Nowlin

Secretary - Patti Voyles

Parliamentarian - Jean Kuper

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept this slate by Olive Pratt and seconded by Juanita Swartz.

A round of "Aye" approved this slate of officers for 2011.

Our newsletter editor, Tina Nord, has resigned. Becky Miller volunteered to assume that duty. A motion to accept this appointment was made by Jan Steffen and seconded by Kathy Clark. It was passed by a verbal approval. Deadline for articles for the next newsletter will be December 1.

Kaaren reminded all that insurance is due before January 1, 2011. The rate has not changed.

Thus, the business meeting was concluded and the meeting adjourned and given over to Cathe Hedrick to introduce the program and the speakers.

- Submitted by Becky Miller, secretary

### Membership Notes

A quick reminder that dues are payable before January 1, 2011. For those who need insurance certificates please send in your membership dues with the insurance payment ASAP. I encourage you to send in the dues with the renewal forms found on the website.

We are working on the new website and I like what I have seen so far. We will have better navigation which is a benefit for our members. We hope to unveil the new website at our next meeting. I hope more guild reps will come to our meeting. We had several fascinating speakers on developing better websites. The speakers provided free interactive web sites urls for our member guilds to take advantage of for their websites.

Jan Steffen  
Membership Chair



### Unique Philanthropic Opportunities

\*Monica Gonzales of Monica's Quilt and Beads, Palm Desert, has a brilliant philanthropic idea that is long overdue. For every pair of new panties that is contributed to her shop, your name will go into a basket for a \$200 gift certificate at her store, good for anything! The panties, in turn, will be given to shelters and to needy families thru reliable social workers. Panties are needed for girls, boys, women and men, all sizes, but they must be new. This sounds like a wise thing to do for our own community as well.

\*Even your old and gently used bras can be recycled! The Bra Recyclers, a charitable organization and division of Bosom Buddies Bra Recycling, is promoting Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness. They take contributions of used (but still usable) bras, and distribute them to women's shelters. Most women, escaping a violent situation, arrive at shelters without anything. Those bras not needed at women's shelters are sent to needy in developing countries. Bras need to be washed, tagged for size, mark specialty ones such as nursing or post surgical, and shipped with a contribution form to Bra Recyclers, 3317 S. Higley Rd, Ste 114-441, Gilbert, AZ 85297. A form should be included with each donation. For more information on this project, check out their website [www.brarecycling.com](http://www.brarecycling.com) Some Goodwill Stores are also participating in this program. (They accept new bras, too!).

\*Haiti is still reeling from the affect of the volcano eruption last summer followed this fall by a virulent typhoid outbreak that shows no signs of being controlled in the near future. Bonnie Wenberg, owner of Quilter's Round-up in Heppner, OR, has determined to do something to assist. Blanket Hugs for Haiti's Orphans is a

program making small thin, no batting, blankets for the children. They are being shipped to Haiti on a regular basis. Details, including instructions for the blankets are on the website [www.quiltersroundup.com](http://www.quiltersroundup.com).

\*California quilter and teacher, Judy Sisneros, is actively working with other quilters across America to teach young women in Cambodia, rescued from human bondage and the sex trade, how to quilt using the beautiful local silks, and to be productive on their own. Donations are accepted to help continue this work.

[www.judysisneros.com](http://www.judysisneros.com) or [www.aim4asia.org](http://www.aim4asia.org)

\*Painted Turtle Camp for seriously ill children is still accepting donations of lap and twin size bed quilts. Each camper child is given a lap quilt to take home. Lap quilts should be 35-40 " wide, 45-50" long. Bed quilts should be 60"x80" to appeal to ages 7 - 17. Contact Jackie Ramirez at 661-724-1550 or check the website for information. [www.thepaintedturtle.org](http://www.thepaintedturtle.org)

\*As long as military action is continuing in Afghanistan and Iraq, The Home the Brave Quilt Project still needs quilts for the families of the casualties. Check the website for the specific pattern and information.

[www.homeofthebravequilts.com](http://www.homeofthebravequilts.com)

\*Quilts of Valor also continues, honoring the wounded of Afghanistan and Iraq. [www.govf-um.org](http://www.govf-um.org)

\*The veteran hospitals always appreciate donations of quilts.

No matter your faith, no matter your creed, have a safe and happy holiday season.

Happy Hanukah!

Merry Christmas!

FESTIVE KWANZA!

Season's Greetings to all.



## 'Twas the Night Before Christmas Poem

(A Quilters' Version from EverythingQuilts.com)

(author unknown)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,  
The only one sleeping was a Quilter's dear spouse.  
The Log Cabin stockings were almost completed,  
"Just a few stitches left," our sweet quilter repeated.

"Then I can hang them and head off to finish  
the pillows I'm making, fulfilling Mom's wish  
For something quilted to put on her couch and spoke,  
as she pricked her poor finger, our quilter said, "Ouch!"

When from out in the kitchen there arose such a crashing,  
she sprang from her work, and she dropped all her sashing.  
Away to the doorway she flew like a plane,  
wondering just what was happening and who she would blame.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,  
but Old Mrs. Claus and her bag of quilt-gear...  
With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen she came,  
she directed and pointed and called them by name.

"Now Elna, now Pfaff, now Bernina and Viking,  
the Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her liking.  
To the sewing room - there, it's just back of the hall,  
now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

"My Dear," said The Claus (as she liked to be called),  
"There really is no need to worry at all.  
Your projects will all be completed this night,  
I'm terribly sorry we gave you a fright."

"Sit down. Have some tea. It's relaxing, you'll see.  
My friends and I've come a long way to help Thee."  
She thought she was dreaming, our dear Quilter did,  
In fact she quite feared that she near flipped her lid!

But the flash of the needles and twist of the thread  
soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread.  
They spoke no more words, but went straight to their sewing.  
How the work went so quickly she had no way of knowing.

The stitches, how fine! The corners, how straight!  
This Claus-woman's talent was awfully great.  
They finished the pillows, then started to quilt.  
Before they all knew it, the whole thing was built!

Now old Mrs. Claus, she knew quilters real well,  
and she knew they'd need help on this night most of all  
So she said to our quilter, "Just move over dear,  
I've brought my own needle. We'll get done, never fear.

I told dear old Santa about what quilters do.  
How they plan all these projects but have other work too.  
So he taught me his magic for doing things fast.  
There, that pillows done. Now this is the last.

They tidied their thread snips, and picked up the scraps  
and chased our dear quilter's six cats from their laps.  
As they scurried away with their thimbles still gleaming  
dear Mrs. Claus paused, her cap ribbons streaming.  
"Merry Christmas, my dear, now just have a ball!"