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President's Message

Halloween and Thanksgiving are behind us and Christmas is looming! Happy Holidays! It's hard to believe it's been almost a year since the Eaton and Palisades fires created so much devastation and loss. We continue to provide quilts for events in both areas. If your guild has quilts they would like to donate (we're looking for throws or larger), please let us know at sccqgfire@sccqg.org. We are currently collecting quilts for a "teen" distribution in early January. The event organizer has asked for ~75 quilts so we can use your help! Please contact us at sccqgfire@sccqg.org.

Welcome to our newest Board Members – Andrea Terry (Glendale Quilt Guild), Co-Membership Chair working with Pat Pruell; and Nancy Vaughn (Quilters Piece Corps) – Insurance Coordinator (working with her mentors – Kate Weber and Pam Overton).

Our October speaker, Caryn Payzant, Social Media Consultant, provided some great insight into how to use Social Media to promote your guild. If you missed the meeting, you'll find a link to the zoom recording in the Program Notes section at the bottom of the Home Page. There seems to be some interest in a "follow-up" with Caryn with the focus on "how to" set up your social media, post regularly, schedule posts, and more. It will be offered through zoom on a Saturday (not our regular meeting) morning. As soon as we have a date locked in we will send out an invite to all Member Guild officers.

At the October meeting we mentioned that there is a new Ronald McDonald House in Westwood near UCLA. They support UCLA, Cedars Sinai, and St. John's hospitals. They currently have 11 rooms open and hope to have the facility fully open by the end of the year. They can use our help with quilts and other donations. To find out how your guild can help, contact Betsy Jeu de Vine, Director of Development, Westside Los Angeles, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California. 927 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. (818) 851-2625. BJeuDeVine@rmhcsc.org.

We are looking for someone to chair and/or moderate the 2026 Meet the Teacher Event in April. It doesn't involve a lot of work and what work there is happens in the month prior to the event so it's a short-term position. Curious about what is involved? E-mail me (pam@travelingquilters.com) and I'll be happy to fill you in. It's really not a "big" job, but an important one.

See you at our meeting in January.

Road to California 2026 - Call For Entries

SCCQG 2026 Special Exhibit
Road to California Quilters Conference
January 21-24, 2026

What is *home* to you? How do you quilt *home*?

Group and individually made quilts accepted for consideration.
Quilts of all styles and techniques are welcome so long as they fit the requirements below.

Entry requirements are as follows (please read carefully):

- The quilt must have been finished in 2025/2026 and be in good condition.
- Size: perimeter should not be larger than 240" overall and no smaller than 60" overall. Items that don't meet this criterion may be accepted and may be folded for display purposes.
- Embellishments must not protrude more than ½" from the surface of the quilt.
- The quilt must be made of fabric and quilted either by hand, or machine, or both.
- It must be constructed of three layers and bound or closed around all quilt edges.
- Quilt/hanging must have an attached 4" hanging sleeve (basted or safety pins allowed).
- Entrant must be a current member of an SCCQG Member Guild or an Affiliate member.
- Enter by email. Entries must include a separate digital **jpeg** photo named as follows: entrant's last name_(underscore)name of quilt_(underscore)guild initials.jpeg. For example: "Weber_clubby_QBS.jpeg" Each entry must have a short paragraph describing how the entry represents the theme. (The Exhibit curator reserves editing rights.)

Online entry form at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1W8jpx12PnPnBCmlgyodBWgDZDrxUESM1NBO8kWgFJVND8/edit>

Timetable

December 26, 2025 (Friday) All entry forms and photos due.

Entries need to include a current email address for confirmation of receipt. See instructions above. Photos may be of the quilt flimsy (unquilted top), so long as the quilt is finished upon submission and arrives on time.

January 9-19, 2026, Deadline for exhibit drop offs at various locations.

*Entries may be dropped off at several locations in lieu of shipping.

----See FAQs on following page for locations and “NLT” dates----

**All entries are required to have a 4” hanging sleeve. Sleeves may be basted or safety pinned in place.

***Entries must be fully contained in a cloth bag or pillowcase with contact information.

January 21-24, 2026, Quilts will be displayed as part of the SCCQG “*Stitching a Community Together*” Exhibit at Road to California, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, California.

January 24 – February 12, 2026, Quilts will be returned according to prior arrangements. SCCQG will not ship quilts to owner. Unclaimed quilts will be donated to a charity.

Questions: SCCQGRD2CA@gmail.com

SCCQG and Road reserve the right to reject quilts not suitable for hanging.

Frequently Asked Questions and Other Info

- Hanging Sleeves – You tube has several videos on how to make a hanging sleeve. I like [this one](#).
- Quilt containers –Your quilt entry needs to be fully contained in a cloth bag (a pillowcase for example). Why? The quilts are packed in suitcases and plastic crates until they arrive at the convention center. Quilts fall out of too small shopping bags and quilts that are rolled don’t pack into a suitcase well. If you haven’t noticed in the past (good!), the pillowcases and bags are pinned to the back of your entry so they are handy when the exhibit is dismantled. It’s difficult to pin through stiff plastic carriers. Your contact info on the outside of your quilt bag makes it easier and faster to sort and return quilts. I will make an effort to contact you if your quilt doesn’t get picked up, so your info needs to be on the case.
- Hanging the exhibit - Want to get a preview of the show? Join us on Monday, January 19 at 9:00am at the convention center and help hang this exhibit. You may also volunteer to hang other exhibits (after SCCQG’s is hung!) and see more quilts “up close and personal.” You will be charged for parking-but get a receipt (electronic and text me a copy) and you can be reimbursed.
- Haven’t heard back if your quilt has been accepted? – Please wait until December 30 and then email if you still haven’t received any notification. I admit it, I’m human and may have missed yours. Nag me, please!

The following are options on the entry form.

Drop Off – The Batty Lady (**Norco**), and Roxanne’s (**Carpinteria**) have graciously agreed to collect quilts. Their deadlines are January 9, 2026, for The Batty lady and January 14, 2026, for Roxanne’s. Quilters By the Sea guild meeting (**Long Beach**) January 8, 2026 (6:30-8:30pm) is also a drop off location. You may also drop off entries at private residences in **Laguna Woods** and **Bellflower**. If you choose this option, you will be given their contact info to arrange your drop off. Finally, upon confirmation with the curator, entries may be dropped off at the **Ontario Convention Center** on Monday, January 19, 2026, by 9:30am, please. (You could stay and help us hang the exhibit, too!)

Pick Up – If you are at RD2CA on Saturday at closing time (4:30pm), please help dismantle the exhibit and take your entry home with you! Won’t be there? Do you have a friend who can pick it up for you? Can you pick up someone’s entry for them? Let us know their names and quilts will be released. Please pick up from the **Batty Lady**, **Laguna Woods** and **Bellflower** by January 31, 2026. Quilts can also be picked up at the February 12, 2026 **Quilters by the Sea** guild meeting. *There is no pick up scheduled for Roxanne’s at this time.* If you know someone going in that direction after the close of RD2CA, let us know their contact info and we’ll try to set that up. By arrangement, I am willing to meet up in the Ventura Blvd vicinity to return quilts.

Kate Weber - Curator
2026 Road to California SCCQG Exhibit

Membership

Membership Renewal Status

As this newsletter goes to press, 89 guilds have submitted their membership forms, fees, and insurance premiums. If your guild has not yet done so, please take a moment to complete these items soon.

We’ve learned that some guilds have new officers who may be unfamiliar with the benefits and procedures of working with SCCQG. We encourage outgoing officers to share their knowledge and assist those who are stepping into their roles to ensure a smooth transition.

Submission Deadline and Fee Increase

As a reminder, if your renewal form is not received by November 30, the membership fee will increase to \$75.

Membership Form Access

<https://www.sccqg.org/membership-info.htm>

(Click on “Member Guild Form”). Please remember to click submit at the end.

Fee Calculation Spreadsheet

Further down the membership page, there is an Excel/PDF link to a spreadsheet. This spreadsheet should be used to calculate the check amount due for fees and insurance. Please use the spreadsheet in conjunction with the instructions provided on this page to ensure proper completion of your membership renewal.

Officer Update form

During the year after new officers are elected, please remember to fill out the officer update and meeting form.

Pat Pruel
SCCQG Membership Chair

Treasurer's Report - Year to Date

10/01/2025 - 11/26/2025
Starting Balance - \$10,786.13

Income

Ins Certificates - \$1,313.25
Ins Premiums - \$46,241.85
Interest Earned - \$0.30
Membership - \$5,550.00
Check not cashed - lost in mail - \$800.00
Total Income - \$53,905.40

Expenses

Gift Card for Fire Survivors (Road Fund) - (\$800.00)
Honorarium - (\$250.00)
Storage - (\$300.00)
Website Hosting/month - (\$152.00)

Total Expense - (\$1,502.00)

Ending Balance (11/26/2025) - \$63,189.53

Diane Bonner
SCCQG Treasurer

SCCQG Meeting Minutes

SCCQG General Meeting 10-11-25 On Zoom

Board members present: Pam Overton, Jean Kuper, Pat Pruell, Kate Weber, Marian Mapes, Sandy Scott, Diane Bonner, Dawn Lindelin, Liz Pickering, Nancy Vaughn, Andrea Terry

Meeting opened at 10:00

Opening Remarks regarding Zoom format (Pam)

- Meeting will be recorded will be posted in a few days
- When speaking, please remember to provide your name and guild name
- Please mute yourself unless you wish to speak
- To unmute quickly, just hold down the space bar on your computer
- Questions? Please put them in the chat to everyone
- Going forward SCCQG will continue holding its quarterly meetings via zoom
- Many thanks to the Virtual Team (Jean & Carol) that is helping today

Approval of July 2025 minutes (Jean)

- Are there any corrections to the minutes of the July 2025 meeting?
- Hearing no corrections or additions, the minutes are accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Parliamentarian – Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers

- Presented the slate of officers to be elected for a two year term– perhaps introduce

- them all and spotlight?
 - o Diane Bonner returning as Treasurer
 - o Pat Pruell with Andrea Terry as membership
 - o Nancy Vaughn on as Insurance Coordinator
 - o Marian Mapes as Parliamentarian
- Election: **Approved by acclamation**

Announcements

- Some sad news to share. Kelly Gallagher-Abbott passed away on Tuesday. She was the owner of Jukebox Quilts, past President of the Flying Geese Quilt Guild and past President of SCCQG. Jean Kuper and I both joined the SCCQG board when she was president.
- On a happier note - New Ronald McDonald House at UCLA. They are supporting UCLA, Cedars Sinai, and St. John's Hospitals. They currently have 11 units open and are hosting families. They hope to have all 33 units open by the end of the year. They are accepting quilts.

Betsy Jeu De Vine

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Keeping Families Close – [RMHC Westside LA](#)

- Please share your upcoming events on the website - Contact Sandy Scott at info@sccqg.org to add your event to the SCCQG calendar.
- You can also add your event information in the CHAT for all to see

Update on the Distribution of quilts and funds to Palisades and Eaton Fire Survivors

- Of the \$5,000 collected at Road to CA we have distributed the bulk of the funds and have identified a few more people that can use gift cards. About \$1000 went Palisades High School Sewing department.
- Quilts continue to go out in the Palisades and Eaton Fire areas. No current dates are available

Officer Reports – Summary

- **Treasurer – Diane Bonner** – Review and vote on the proposed 25-26 Budget
 - o Shared budget with us. The most significant item was that the Insurance was \$10k higher than expected. The updated amount was indicated in the actual column notes.
 - § Motion to app: Lynn Slossen, Simi Valley Guild
 - § 2nd: Cheri Hansen, Orange County quilters guild
 - § Approved unanimously
- **Membership – Pat Pruell** – 66 guilds already renewed
- **Newsletter- Dawn Lindelin** - deadline – articles due by November 1; let her know if you can't make the deadline
- **MTT 2026 – Pam** - Looking for a volunteer to chair the 2026 MTT
 - o No chair yet; and/or the moderator
 - o The forms we use are already on the website
 - o Scheduling “dry runs” with the teachers

- o Organizing the list of speakers
- o Does not take a lot of time
- **Insurance - Kate Weber**
 - o Renewed Certificates are being processed in order of need date and go out to the guild contact for insurance and/or the President and Treasurer; request for certificate payment went to the affected guilds; renewal cert fees are due and payable now. Many thanks to those guilds that have already paid their cert fees.
 - § If there are problems, let her know the guild name when you contact her, the corrections will be done next week
 - § Don't contact the insurance company yourself. Contact Insurance@SCCQG.org first and we will help
 - o New insurance certificates are in process and will be provided in order of need date; They will go out about a week before the "need date"
 - o Renewals should be done this month to make sure coverage continues. Can send one check for both membership and insurance
- **Update - SCCQG Road to CA exhibit for 2026 – Kate Weber**
 - o 1 entry has been sent in; but there is plenty of time to submit. There is a link in the newsletter to submit. Theme is "Home is..."
 - o Will need people to help hang the quilts on the Monday of Road
- **Website – Sandy Scott**
 - o Happy to be getting pictures of Op quilts

Programs – Liz Pickering

Break at 10:28

Meeting Program –Caryn Payzant - "Are you really being seen on Social Media?"

Program will be posted on SCCQG.org

Program ended at 11:40am

Close Meeting

- Please review SCCQG Website, Newsletter and emails for information regarding future SCCQG meetings.
- Our next General meeting is scheduled for **January 10, 2026**

Meeting adjourned at 11:43am

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Kuper
SCCQG Recording Secretary

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