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The Next Meeting is January 14, 2017

Topic: "Finding Speakers for your Guild"

Nite Owl Quilters Guild
David Dreier Hall at James L. Brulte Senior Center
11200 Baseline Rd. Rancho Cucamonga, Ca 911701
Doors open at 9:00 A.M. New Reps meeting begins at 9:30 AM
General Meeting at 10:00 AM

Please RSVP to Michele Nichols at ml.nicholos07@gmail.com to advise her how many members of your guild will attend.

President's Comments – Sonia Dias

I would like to thank Pam Overton and her board for all of their efforts on behalf of SCCQG. Pam has done an amazing job in modernizing SCCQG in terms of technology, organization and resources many leading to a current all-time high number of guilds (92) in Council. I look forward to continuing this work in making SCCQG more relevant in today's quilting world while honoring our quilting heritage.

Thank you also to the dedicated quilters who have volunteered to serve on this year's board. It will be a pleasure working with all of you as we serve the guilds of Southern California.

We are looking at having programs that provide practical and detailed information to the guilds; this will include revisiting specific topics since things evolve and guilds have new members and officers who will need this information.

We are also looking into providing an archive database of resource information for our member guilds. This would include the notes and handouts from previous SCCQG meetings as well as other documents (legal and business).

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However, none of this has meaning without SCCQG's member guilds. More attendance at meetings and more feedback will help us achieve our aims sooner and with more efficacy.

As we enter the New Year, may we all have more time to quilt, more projects to reduce our stash, and more memorable times with our quilting friends!

Best wishes - Sonia

Programs – Stephania Bommarito

Palm Springs QuiltFest Oasis October, 2016 – “California’s Hues, Tints, Shades, and Tones”

Thank you to all guild member quilters who entered quilts in this exhibit! We had forty quilts that captured the colors of California from the ocean to the mountains and desert. There were traditional to modern to art quilt styles represented. Each quilt was a visual delight and had a unique story to tell. Twenty member guilds were represented. We received a multitude of approving comments.

January 2016 Program – Stephania Bommarito

Finding Speakers for Your Guild

Speakers: Sue Glass & Stephania Bommarito

Every guild member looks forward to the speakers who are coming to lecture and teach at the guild. Knowing what speaker to book and how to bring speakers to your guild can be challenging for Program Chairs. Our January council program will help demystify the process of finding and hiring teachers, and provide you with important information on this process. We hope it will be especially beneficial to Program Chairs who attend Meet the Teacher on April 8 in Carson. We will cover how to find out what topics interest your guild members and where to find information about the many available teachers. We also have suggestions on what you need to know before hiring a teacher as well as speaker contracts, what happens after you have booked a speaker/teacher, and hosting these important visitors to your guild. There will be opportunities to ask questions during this program and we

welcome your input. We hope to have a guide to hiring lecturers/teachers posted on our website in the near future.

January 14, 2017

Topic: Finding Speakers for Your Guild

Hosted by the Niteowl Quilters Guild

Contact: Michele Nichols,
ml.nichols07@gmail.com

Location: David Dreier Hall at James L. Brulte Senior Center
11200 Baseline Road
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701

April 8, 2017

Topic: Meet the Teachers Hosted by SCCQG

Contact: Sue Glass – sue.glass@verizon.net

Location: Carson Community Center
801 E Carson Street
Carson, CA

July 8, 2017

Topic: By Laws & Standing Rules

Hosted by the Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild

Contact: Linda Buesching
lbuesching@thevine.net

Location: Santa Clarita CA

October 7, 2017

Topic: Out of the Box Fundraising, What Works?

Hosted by Friendship Square Quilt Guild

Contact: Terry Cummings at
Just4TLC@gmail.com

Location: Whittier CA

Programs Survey Topics Results

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey questionnaires at the October meeting. They are very insightful. If you have

any further suggestions, please send me your ideas at programchair@sccqg.org

- Fundraising – “Outside the Box”
- Non-Quilting Venues for Opportunity Quilts
- Guild Membership Benefits
- Attracting and Keeping Members
- Volunteer/Leadership Training
- Copyright Issues
- Why Member Guilds Should Attend SCCQG meetings
- How to Fill Workshops
- Door Prizes at Meetings
- Bylaws & Standing Rules
- Computer Programs for Treasurers etc.
- Encouraging Young People to Quilt

Membership – Aileen Cook

SCCQG Membership

Time to Renew

With our annual renewals, we welcome new member guilds, the Inland Empire Modern Guild (Corona) and the Loose Threads (Los Osos). As of today’s mail we have received renewals and updates to our website for 59 guilds (of a possible 95). 15 Affiliate members have renewed and four new Affiliates joined: Pat Blair, Yvette Weilacker, John Lettau, and Lisa McKissick.

Unless reported during the year by your rep, this is the only time of year that we receive information—names and emails of new officers. The new website does not support our previous site editor function. To update your officers please have each officer-go to the Membership Page on the website to “subscribe”. In addition, please have your guild SCCQG rep send current officer information to membership@sccqg.org and include the guild name in the subject line.

Aileen Cooke, Membership Chairman

Treasurer’s Report- Kennalee Mattson

Income & Expenses October 2016

Beginning Balance	\$10,994.67
Income	
Ins Certificates	\$900.00
Insurance Premium	\$17,306.65
Membership Dues	\$2,480.00
Meet the Teachers	\$645.00
October Interest	\$0.26
Total Income	\$21,331.91
Expenses	
Bank Charge	\$1.80
Government Fee	\$25.00
Meeting: Board Conference Call	\$111.87
Meeting: Board Member Mileage	\$472.61
Meeting: Hostess Guild	\$500.00
Meeting: Meet the Teachers	\$135.18
Meeting: Program	\$100.00
President	\$73.58
Treasurer	\$56.14
Total Expenses	\$1,476.18
Profit (Loss)	\$19,855.73
Ending Balance	\$30,850.40

MEET THE TEACHERS – SUE GLASS

Meet the Teacher, April 8, 2017, Carson Community Center, Carson CA

Sponsored by the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds

8:00 am – Doors Open for Teacher Setup
 9:00 am – Doors Open for Attendees
 9:15 am – New Council Rep Orientation
 9:30 am – SCCQG Meeting
 10:00 am – 2:30 pm Meet the Teachers

We are well along in our preparation for our April 8, 2017 Meet The Teacher event and we hope you will join us! This annual event draws in teachers from all over California with the goal of providing our southern California guilds the latest information and most interesting programs. As always, our teachers are experts in every style of quilt, fiber art, machine quilting, and new this year, photographing quilts. Don't miss this opportunity to see samples of their work and hear them give a short presentation. We encourage every guild to send at least two representatives to meet with the 45+ teachers who will be there.

New this year - Box Lunches! Our box lunches are \$15.00 per lunch, and must be ordered in advance. There will NOT be any additional lunches available for purchase at MTT. There are two ways to order your lunch: Go to the SCCQG.Org website, click on Meet the Teacher in the top banner, and scroll down to the section "Guild Reps and other attendees." There you will find instructions on ordering, paying for your lunch and a link to the order/menu form. You may also contact Sue Glass at sue.glass@verizon.net, 310-372-3945 to get a copy of the order/menu form. Final date for ordering and paying for lunches is March 25, 2017.

We hope your guild will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to meet these

outstanding teachers. They are anxious to meet you!

Opportunity Quilts at Meet the Teacher, April 8, 2017

Are you interested in bringing your guild's opportunity quilt to Meet the Teacher next April 8 in Carson? It's a great opportunity! We only have 3 spaces remaining for opportunity quilts, and it is first come, first served. If you want to reserve a space, contact Sue Glass at sue.glass@verizon.net.

Provide your guild's name and your contact person's name, e-mail and phone number.

Please do not bring your quilt to MTT if you do not have a reserved space as we do not have any additional room.

Minutes – Stephania Bommarito Secretary

SCCQG General Meeting October 1, 2016

Meeting called to order by Pam Overton at 10:00 am. The meeting was held at the Community Presbyterian Church, 32202 Del Obispo Street, San Juan Capistrano, CA. Board Members present were Pam Overton, Stephania Bommarito, Colleen Shier, Aileen Cooke, Sharon Chaffino, Sonia Das, Sue Glass and Kennalee Mattson.

General Announcements – Pam Overton welcomed everyone to the General Meeting. Beach Cities was thanked for hosting the meeting and Sherry Pelletier was presented with a stipend check.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected for the July 9, 2016 by Sue Laughton, and seconded by Jean Kuper. Motion passed.

General Announcements –

- **Thank you** to Stephania Bommarito for curating the SCCQG exhibit at Quiltfest Oasis Palm Springs. Forty quilts were entered.
- New **SCCQG website** is up and running. We welcome feedback. In the next few weeks, an email will be sent out highlighting changes in the

website. Guilds were asked that all member guild officer changes be forwarded to Aileen Cooke, Membership chair.

- **Speaker Calendar** – An input form is available on the website to provide information about member guild's upcoming speakers, lectures, and workshop dates, and guild contact. Please include additional information as needed.
- **Quilt Show/Events & Opportunity Quilts** – Member guilds can provide a photo and information link to Catherine Hughes at info@sccqg.org to be posted on the Gallery of Guild Opportunity Quilts.
- **Flyer Table at Road to California** – A request is made to have member guilds, who are displaying their quilts at the show, to ensure that the flyer table is neat and orderly throughout the week.

Thank You to Out-going Officers – Colleen Shier, Program Chair and Stephania Bommarito, Recording Secretary.

Elections – President: Sonia Das (term ending October, 2018), Vice President, Programs: Stephania Bommarito (term ending October 2018), Recording Secretary: Joan Graham (term ending 2018), Parliamentarian: Gerry Olsen (term ending 2017), Insurance Coordinator: Pam Overton (term ending 2017), and Newsletter Editor: Sharon Chaffino (term ending 2018). Motion made to approve Slate of Officers by Chris Meeks and seconded by Sue Laughton. Motion passed.

Welcome to New Board Members – Joan Graham and Gerry Olsen were thanked for serving SCCQG in their new Board positions.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer – Kennalee Mattson – The proposed budget for the SCCQG fiscal year, October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017, was presented. Questions were answered regarding individual categories. Motion made to approve the budget as presented was made by Aileen Cooke and seconded by Joan Graham. Motion passed.

Membership – Aileen Cook – The newest member is the Inland Empire Modern Quilt Guild. Now is the time to renew all council memberships for member guilds and affiliates. The renewal form can be found on the website. Fill out the PDF file, print out, and send your check to Kennalee Mattson. The number of member guilds present today is thirty-nine.

Newsletter – Sharon Chaffino – Member guilds were asked to send her information about the community service projects that are on-going that they support to be included in the newsletter. Guild events for the next three to four months are included in the newsletter. Information found on the Calendar of Events is included. The next newsletter deadline November 15, 2016.

Insurance – Sonia Das – The new insurance certificates policy year begins on September 29, 2016. Certificates for member guilds hosting meetings, workshops, and events will be sent out during October. For all new certificates needed, send your request to Pam Overton by email. Please check with each individual venue for what is needed. A contract is also required from all venues for exact wording. The fees are \$10.00 for events sixty plus days out, \$25.00 for less than sixty days, and \$25.00 for reissued certificates.

Programs – Colleen Shier – Two survey sheets, Questions//Suggestions for Speaker & Ideas for Topics for SCCQG Presentations, were handed out to all attendees. Future meetings will be hosted in January, 2017 by the Night Owl Quilters Guild, in Jul, 2017 by the Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild, and in October, 2017 by the Friendship Square Quilt Guild. Member guilds are invited to host future SCCQG meetings.

Meet the Teacher – Sue Glass – The date for the upcoming event is April 8, 2017 at the Carson Community Center, 801 E, Carson Street, Carson, CA from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. An information sheet was handed out that included the Box Lunch Order Form. All box lunches must be paid for in advance. Member guilds are encouraged to think about possible program choices now by checking the Speaker section on the Council website in preparation for MTT.

Guild Announcements:

- Surfside Quilters Guild – November Fest Fundraiser Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the San Clemente Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.
- Quilters Piece Corps of Victor Valley – Quilt Show & Craft Sale, Saturday, October 29, 2016 at the Community Church at Jess Ranch, Apple Valley.
- Flying Geese Quilters Guild – Quilted Treasures Quilt Action & Luncheon/Tea Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Miller Community Center, Tustin.
- Valley Quilters Guild – Quilt Show, February 10 – 11, 2017 at the Valley Wide Recreation Center, San Jacinto.
- Los Angeles County Quilters Guild – Quilt Show, October 7 – 8, 2016 at the
- Greek Orthodox Church of Long Beach.

Program – Money Fundamentals for Quilt

Parliamentarian – Gerry Olsen

BOARD MEETING AND PARLIAMENTARY HELP!

Do you need some help running/chairing your Board meeting? Do you have questions about Parliamentary Procedure (Robert's Rules)?

Give Gerry Olsen, our Parliamentarian and a Registered Parliamentarian, a call or an e-mail. He lives in Camarillo. Phones – 805-482-4109 (h), 805-660-7299 © olsens861@gmail.com or parliamentarian@sccqg.org

Webmaster- Pam Overton for Catherine Hughes

Website Updates

We hope you have had an opportunity to explore some of the features on the website. If you have feedback for us . . . please send it to info@sccqg.org.

We do have several new features that we want to bring to your attention.

SPEAKERS

Several years ago, many of the Program Chairs requested that we make available a listing of

Guilds presented by Fred Duenas, Kennalee Mattson, and Diane M. Martin.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephania Bommarito, Secretary, SCCQG

Attachments: SCCQG Proposed Budget, Fiscal year October 1, 2016 – September 29, 2017 Financial Forms Handout (found on the SCCQG website).

upcoming speakers for each guild. The hope is that we can use this information to share speakers and advertise lectures and workshops to all. If you click on the Speaker button at the bottom of the home page, you will find a form to complete. Please complete one for each of the speakers you have booked into the future. If you are willing to share a speaker and the expenses incurred for travel, please answer that question with YES. If not, please select NO. Some guilds are not booked more than a few months or a year out. There may be guilds out there looking to share speakers with you.

On that same page, also note the Coming Soon

items. Are there other tools that will help you plan speakers for your guild? Let us know. Email info@sccqg.org and programchair@sccqg.org.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

We have added a Guild Officers Subscribe form for each of your board members to complete. This will ensure that they receive a copy of the SCCQG newsletter and any important

information that is sent via email. It will also enable us to target information as needed to specific officers – program, treasurer, guild rep, etc.

MEMBER GUILDS

Coming soon – we will provide a link to a label-format file that includes all guild mailing address for you to use in addressing information packets

Newsletter Editor-Sharon Chaffino

Some time ago, we asked our guild representatives to tell us about the philanthropic work that they do in their individual guilds. Sharon Jaeger of Beach City Guilds did just that. What an amazing job they are doing in helping out their communities. After reading Sharon's article below I know your Guild will be inspired too!
Beach Cities Quilters Guild Philanthropy

We are not trying to brag, but we are very proud of the fact that Beach Cities Quilters Guild has an amazing Philanthropy group. It is not just the Philanthropy group. Every guild member participates in some fashion, resulting in 1433 items being donated to the community last year. That number included 663 quilts, 180 Neonatal Unit blankets, 201 pillowcases, 1 pillow, 69 hand-made teddy bears, 24 hand-made bunnies, 42 receiving blankets, 74 taggie-lovies, 80 diaper changing pads, 14 nursing cover-ups, 80 knit baby hats and 5 knit baby sweaters. We donate about 200 quilts and many of the other baby items to Camp Pendleton. All the NICU blankets go to Saddleback Hospital and our quilts go to a broad spectrum of recipients including: cancer patients and other adults and children with serious illnesses, soldiers and their families, wounded warriors, veterans, hospice patients, shelters, child abuse prevention, foster children, handicapped adults, mentally ill patients. Our Philanthropy participation is open to the community and other guild members. We meet at the Laguna Niguel Library on the first

Monday of each month. This time has become one large "fluid" friendship group. Each person spends as much time as their lives permit. What a wonderful way to make a difference!

Submitted by Sharon Jaeger of Beach Cities Quilters Guild

COUNCIL MEMBERS AFFILIATION

At the October 1 Meeting the new officers for the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds for 2017-2018 were elected. They are as follows:

President - Sonia Das - Member Acacia Quilt Guild and Quilters by the Sea
 Program Chair - Stephania Bommarito
 Member of South Bay Quilters
 Secretary – Joan Graham - Member of Gold Coast Quilt Guild, Association of Central Coast Quilt Guilds
 Newsletter - Sharon Chaffino - Member of Nite Owls Quilters Guild
 Membership – Aileen Cook - Member of Santa Monica Quilt Guild & Westside Quilters
 Treasurer – Kennalee Mattson - Member of Santa Monica Quilt Guild
 Insurance – Pam Overton - Member of Southbay Quilters Guild, Santa Monica Quilt Guild and Westside Quilters Guild
 Parliamentarian – Gerry Olsen - Member of Camarillo Quilt Guild
 Webmistress – Catherine Hughes – Member of San Diego Quilt Show Guild

Pam Overton – Insurance Coordinator

We survived the insurance certificate renewal season without too many hiccups. Many thanks for your patience and diligence in getting the appropriate documents to us. Your guild should have received a copy of any certificates that were issued on your behalf. If you do not have them, please contact me at insurance@sccqg.org. Please indicate your guild name and facility name in the email so that I can forward the correct certificate to you.

In early October Sonia and I met with our insurance agent, Anne Krueger, Alliant Services. We talked about a variety of ways to streamline the process for both the Council and the insurance company.

One of the frustrations we had with this year's renewal process was that at least 11 guild facilities were dropped from the renewal list. The insurance company has agreed to provide a "test list" to us in March. That will have all insurance certs listed on it. We will then be able to purge the one-time events (quilt shows, teas, boutiques, etc.) from the list and hopefully have a good working list to use to compare that with the list we are issued in May. It seems like a fool proof process. We'll see! 😊

For our part of the process improvement we assured them that we would be diligent in confirming the information on the insurance cert requests is correct, that the correct type of certificate has been requested and that the appropriate contract/agreement/insurance requirement documentation is provided. While I will review each request carefully and ask questions as needed, it really falls on the guild contact to work with the facility to ensure we are asking for the right document and that they have provided the appropriate information.

In tune with ensuring that the insurance company has current and correct information, we will soon send out notices to the guilds that need to provide 2017 contracts to us. Hopefully you know who you are and are already working on it. If not, I'll be reminding you! 😊 This is important because if we do not have your 2017 contract on file by January 1, the insurance company will rescind certificates that do not have supporting data for 2017. The facility will be notified that the certificate has been rescinded. This applies only to "proof of insurance with additional insured" certificates. It does not apply to "proof of insurance" certificates. Please ensure that your paperwork is current. We don't want to make extra work for all of us!

We recently had an inquiry about a possible insurance claim. I would like to remind you that if your guild opts into the insurance policy, you are required to notify us if there are any incidents at your meetings/events. The insurance carrier requires that we report those to them so that they are prepared if a claim is filed.

If there is an incident, please contact the SCCQG Insurance Coordinator, Pam Overton, and provide an incident report. The incident report should include:

- Date of incident
- Location of incident
- Copy of your contract/agreement with this facility
- Who owns the property where the incident occurred?
- If a repair is involved, has a repair invoice been prepared? If not, you should ask the facility to do that.
- Who was there?
- Photos, if available
- A copy of the insurance certificate for this facility. If you do not have access to your copy, I have copies. Just need to know which facility.
- And any other information you feel is pertinent to the incident

Pam Overton
SCCQG Insurance Coordinator

Selected Upcoming Southern California Quilt Events	
December 3 11am to 4 pm	<p>Pine Needles Quilt Guild Wrightwood Holiday Home Tour and Boutique Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Visit four Wrightwood homes, beautifully decorated with quilts for the holidays plus a refreshment house, and our popular craft boutique located in the Wrightwood community Building, 1275 State Highway 2.</p> <p>Ticket prices: Advance: \$12.00 - available after Nov. 1 Day of tour: \$15.00 - available at boutique and homes</p>
January 16-22 Classes Begin 8:00 AM Daily	<p>Road to California is the premier consumer quilt show West of the Rocky Mountains awarding over \$92,000 to fiber artist from around the world. Visitors from all 50 states and several foreign countries will come in January to view exhibits featuring antique, traditional, art and modern quilts designed by both national and international quilt group. Vendor mall of over 225 vendors feature the very latest to see, try and buy in quilt making supplies, machines, notions, antique quilts and gift items. Classes are geared to all levels of quilters, from beginners to advanced, featuring traditional to modern techniques, hand and machine quilting skills and extend to the latest in surface-embellishment with paint, thread or embroidery. Join us at Road to California Quilters Conference at the Ontario Conference Center in Ontario, California</p>
February 10-11 10 am	<p>Valley Quilters 37th Annual Show Valley Wide Recreation Center at 901 W. Esplanade, San Jacinto, Ca 92583. Admission \$7.00. Over 100 quilts, boutique and consignment areas. Quilts of Valor and Challenge Quilts, Opportunity Quilt and Raffle baskets, and vendors. More info at ValleyQuilters.org</p>
February 18 10 am	<p>South Bay Quilters Guild Quilt Show at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. Over 150 quilts on display. Vendor Mall, Quilters Café, Quilt Auction Sunday February 18 at 1pm</p>

Happy Holidays, Let us sew, Let us sew, Let us Sew