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President's Message

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BOARD MEETING

Next board meeting is
January 10, 2022 at 5pm.

The following link will be the
same for all Zoom Board
Meetings through next
February.

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Upcoming Board meetings:

February 14, 2022
March 14, 2022

2021 has been a tumultuous year for all of us. It came roaring in like gang-busters calling us to redefine exactly what our “personal space” is. Hopefully life has settled a bit and we have all found ways to be with family and close friends in the beautiful world around us.

Conejo Valley Quilters has tried to keep things moving and provide opportunities for members to get together, albeit primarily online. We met at a park in August and hope to plan several park meet-ups in 2022 and re-evaluate having in-person meetings. On December 23, members will have a chance to meet Janice Johnson, our CVQ Secretary from Benicia at Reyes Adobe Park (details sent later).

Many of our members took some time this year to clear out their personal spaces and bring buried treasures to our Trash to Treasure event on November 13. Those events have always been very successful—we will find out exactly how successful at our Holiday Social on December 6. Be sure to SAVE THE DATE!

Our December Social will feature several games and prizes. Be sure to finish your “Challenge 25”, CVQ’s 25th Anniversary Challenge. Don’t wait until the last minute! Pictures of your challenge quilt must be received early enough to be included in the “wheel of names” prize drawing. You will find additional details in this newsletter and on the website. We hope to see pictures of your holiday quilts and favorite decorations in our Holiday Slideshow—please send your pictures to karenowc@aol.com by Saturday, November 27.

As the year comes to a close, it is time to thank all of those who have helped keep CVQ together. I’m not going to single them out—you will find them in this newsletter and at all of our meetings. Please consider becoming part of this wonderful “CVQ Team” (especially Board and Committee positions) in 2022!

2022 will be a great year! We look forward to a retreat at Cotton and Chocolate; a trunk show and virtual tour of Australian quilter Jen Kingwell’s studio and shop; in February, a new exciting challenge; a workshop taught by member Julie Snow; an Aurifilosophy lecture; and many other programs, workshops, and activities brought to YOU!

It is my wish that you each find time this season to savor the time spent with family and friends, to relax, and to create something wonderful! STAY HEALTHY and HAPPY!

Monica Sayre, President



CVQ Virtual HOLIDAY PARTY Monday December 6, 2021

CVQ's 2021 Holiday Party is coming to you via Zoom—the FUN starts at 6 pm.

There will be games, prizes, some special Show and Tell and a look to the future. We will play several games with prizes for the winners.

There will also be a few short presentations about possible activities, programs and workshops for 2022. Expect to be inspired.

Send your photos to share with us to Karen Schwieger, putting "Show and Tell" in the subject line. Sooner is better than later. Deadline is noon Saturday, November 27. Please send separate emails for each category.

- "Show and Tell – 25th Challenge" for your 25th Challenge quilt
- "Show and Tell – Holiday decorating" for photos of your favorite holiday decorations

Save the Date! and plan to join all of your CVQ friends for the last guild meeting in 2021. It's going to be fun.



February

JEN KINGWELL will be CVQ's Guest Speaker February 21, 2022 at 6:00PM

It will be 1:00PM the next day for Jen!



Well known for her "Gypsy Wife" quilt, her love for hexies, and her great templates and templates, Jen will present a virtual trunk show and tour of her shop in Australia. Jen is a frequent contributor to sew-alongs featuring multiple artists. Her patterns appeal to both the traditional and modern quilter and often combine hand piecing, applique, EPP and simple embroidery. She loves "scrappy" and has designed many fabrics to include multiple prints per yard. She refers to her trunk show as a "live trunk show" because she will have her team hold up her quilts rather than have them in a PowerPoint presentation.

The "silver lining" of virtual meetings is the ability to host artists from other countries we would never be able to afford to have in person! If you have any other distant artists you admire, now is the time to find out if they do virtual presentations.

Due to the popularity of Jen Kingwell, everyone will have to pre-register using a link which will be available FREE to members only on December 1; members will receive an email with instructions on or before that date. Zoom links will be "unique" and only usable once. We will open registration up to nonmembers on January 1 for a \$10 guest fee. **There is a limit of 100 guests, so be sure to register early!**



Quilt as You Go

Has this subject ever piqued your imagination? Want to see how quickly you can go from fabric squares to finished? If so, please join Julie Snow in a Zoom workshop where you will learn to start and finish a quilt from a table runner size to king size and everything in between. Start setting aside charm squares or orphan blocks and those weird sized pieces of batting that you aren't sure why you've kept. This is a great way to sew up those scraps. Look for this workshop early in 2022.

PROPOSAL FOR A VIRTUAL FUN WEEKEND in 2022

Are you interested in getting together virtually with other CVQ members for an extended weekend of LEARNING, GIVING and SHARING? You can come when you can, leave when you must, and come back again (and again)...!

We are proposing to host a Virtual Retreat April 22-24, 2022 (Friday thru Sunday). You would sign up and participate when you can. The event would be open from 10 am to 8 pm each day. You don't have to attend the entire time. Cost will be low for what you are getting, about \$25. (Non-members could also attend for an additional fee.)

Our goals:

LEARNING – We will plan up to six short demonstrations. They will be at a scheduled time so you will know when they will happen. We hope to record them to allow you to view them at a later time, but no promises on that yet.

GIVING – We plan a “Sit & Sew” to work on a Philanthropy event, probably on Saturday. Help us make something to brighten up the life of someone else.

SHARING – Just come and spend time sewing with other guild members, chat and share tips and ideas.

Friday, April 22 is Earth Day. We will use this as the underlying theme for our demonstrations and a possible challenge. *REduce, REuse, REcycle?*

Just a thought... Two or three of you might wish to gather in someone's home or another venue and attend the event together. You only need one internet connection to the rest of us. Get the best of sewing in person and gathering with friends far and near.

We will be sending out a poll in December to ascertain interest within the guild. **Please respond to the poll - a ‘No, thank you’ is as important as a ‘Yes, please’.** You can also feel free to send a comment to Janice Johnson at janaim@sbcglobal.net

A BIG Thank You! to everyone that donated, helped, shopped or spread the word about our November 13 parking lot event, and made it such a success

We will likely net over \$1,000 although the final number will be announced at the holiday social.

Every shopper was delighted with her bag of treasure. It was gratifying to see the smiles (in spite of the heat) and see the loaded tables get pretty empty. The leftovers will go to thrift shops and to people who make charity quilts and pet beds. We learned a lot to improve T2T future events, too.

Special thanks to my co-organizer, Janine Mansell (and her lovely family); Alison Rowe and Kathy Rogers for securing New Hope Lutheran Church and their generous gift of using their tables, chairs and parking lot; and to Charlene Van Ommeren for donating the Featherweight.

And to the volunteers the day of the event: Pat Anderson, Nancy Chu, Kathy Dobner, Peggie Eichhorn, Kathy Habring, Judy Heitz, Sara Lord, Brian and Greg Mansell, John Medley, Claudia Pederson, Josie Prell, and Sherry Ramaila.



Peggie and Alison handing out bags.

Lynn Jurss



Lynn with her bag of goodies!?

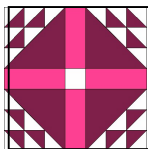
Help Me Solve a Mystery ... Quilt

I acquired this very interesting quilt top at the T2T sale and I would like to know who donated it so I can learn more about it. I absolutely love it! It's a treasure to me.

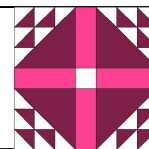
It's made from lots of different decorative trims, ribbons and grosgrain sewn together, and is sashed in a red silk print. It's sewn to a muslin foundation. If you know anything about this top, please contact me. I would love to know anything about its history. Pictures are of the top and close ups.

Lynn Jurss, ljurss@roadrunner.com 805.807.4068





CVQ Guild News



Activities



Challenge 25

Hello Ladies, I hope you are all finding those 25 little pieces to use in your Challenge quilt. Do something different, be bold, play, create and most of all, have fun. When you finish, send your photos to Karen by November 27 and be sure to let her know it is your challenge quilt.

As a reminder, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of our Guild, and kick off a new season of quilting, we are challenging you to produce a quilt no larger than a 25" square. Your quilt can have 25 blocks, colors, strips, circles, flowers, diamonds, pictures or a combination of these.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Peggie Eichhorn



Philanthropy



Guild members have continued to assist with completing quilts for donation. In the next few days, three quilts and 14 pillowcases will be distributed to James Storehouse, and six quilts will be distributed to Many Mansions. A big *Thank You* to all of our guild members who have contributed their time and often materials toward making these quilts as well as the many quilts that have already been presented to both charities earlier this year.

As we move into the upcoming holidays, it is a good time to reflect on how the guild has offered additional assistance to both organizations during this special season. Pre-Covid, the guild gathered member-provided donations of needed items for these charities, such as clothing and food, as well as individual cash donations, at the annual Holiday Party. Although it is not yet possible to meet in person and continue this seasonal tradition, individual members are encouraged this year to consider a personal donation in lieu of what has been done in past years through the guild. Visit the website of each organization to learn how you can make a personal donation or assist with providing some essential needed items: jamesstorehouse.org and manymansions.org.

Looking forward, a number of ideas are being considered to update and expand our quilt making activities, so stay tuned to learn more about them in the new year.

Pat Anderson for the Philanthropy Team



Show & Tell



Show Us What You've Been Making

The deadline for submitting photos is noon, **Saturday November 27th** (Thanksgiving weekend).

These are the photo galleries we will be sharing this meeting:

- Regular Quilts and items you have made that you would like to share
- Philanthropy
- The 25th Challenge that Peggie Eichhorn is spearheading.
- Photos of how you decorate for the Holiday season: Christmas, Hanukah, Bah Humbug.

Please say "Show and Tell in the subject line.

Include your name in the body of the email as it's not always clear from your address.

Karen Schwieger

karenowc@aol.com

Membership News

Cynthia Rust and Barri Breeden

We currently have 55 active members. Approximately 25-30 members join us on Zoom for the monthly meetings.

If you have not renewed your membership, please send in your renewal fee to the CVQ mailbox or use the online form. Dues are \$40 for renewing members and \$45 for new members. Make checks payable to CVQ. You may also pay online which includes a small service fee. The membership form (optional if your information has not changed) is available on the guild website.

Cynthia Rust

Happy Birthday!



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Claudia Nichol	12/12
Sherry Ramaila	12/12
Sara Lord	12/14
Dianne Oliver	12/19
Charlene Van Ommeren	12/20
Laura Donahue	1/26
Patti Adams	2/28
Connie Heagy	3/12
Barbara Woolson	3/5



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Shadows:

Ethel Yim's husband, Bob, passed away October 9, 2021. Our condolences go out to Ethel and her family.

Monica Sayre is recovering from back surgery. We wish her continued recovery. Get well, Monica.

We all have triumphs and troubles. Some are private and personal, while others invite celebration and consolation. CVQ cares about each of you! If you know of a member who would love kudos or comfort, please contact Cynthia Rust at clbr63@outlook.com. A card or e-card will be sent and if appropriate and desired, a notice written in the following newsletter.



Website



Remember to visit the website regularly. ALL the information you need is located there for workshops, events, membership, quilt photos and more. The site is updated regularly.

www.conejovallyquilters.com

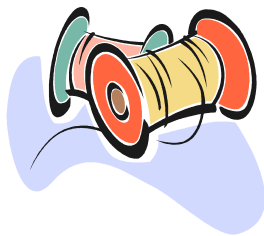
Chris Cole
CVQ Webmaster

FACEBOOK

Please share your quilt pictures on our Facebook page—Conejo Valley Quilters—and show us what you've been working on this quarter. Feel free to add any quilt related sales you may be aware of or send along to me and I'll post them.

Jul_snow@hotmail.com

Julie Snow

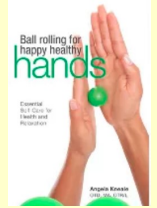


LIBRARY

Here are book reviews for three new library acquisitions.

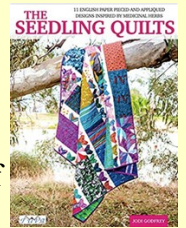
Ball Rolling for Happy Healthy Hands by Angela Kneale, 64 pgs.

This is the book that accompanied the October 2021 workshop offered by the author. It covers general hand care for those (quilters) who over-use their hands. The book contains excellent pictures and easy to understand text for 22 ball rolling movements that go from the neck including the upper back down to the hands.



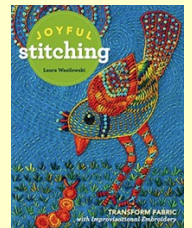
The Seedling Quilts: 11 English Paper Piecing and Applique Designs Inspired by Medicinal Herbs by Jodi Godfrey, 112 pgs.

This beautifully photographed book includes instructions and patterns for 10 English paper pieced designs (11 quilts). The designs go beyond traditional hexies to make fresh, bright quilts. The inspiration quilt, *Seedlings*, utilizes panels made up of the other 10 designs. Although the projects range from the simple *Car-away* lap quilt to the complicated *Seedlings* quilt, the instructions are geared toward a more advanced quilter.



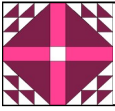
Joyful Stitching: Transform Fabric with Improvisational Embroidery by Laura Wasilowski, 63 pgs.

This cheerful, short book clearly illustrates 20 basic embroidery stitches and shows the reader how to combine stitches to create whimsical designs using free-form embroidery. Laura only includes six projects that use simple shapes to demonstrate her technique. I would have liked to see more examples of her stitch combinations, but what is presented is delightful and inspiring.

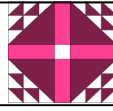


Your CVQ Librarian,

Lynn Jurss



Calendar of Events



January 13-15, 2022: International Sewing Arts Festival, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA. A new show with a different focus sponsored by Road to California. International Sewing Arts Festival is the place for fashion and home sewists alike! Featuring world class instructors, a top notch vendor mall, exhibitions and events, ISAF has something for everyone! www.sewingfestival.com

January 19-22, 2022: Road to California Quilt Show, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA. For more information: www.road2california.com

February 11-12, 2022: Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Valley Wide Recreation Center, 901 W. Esplanade, San Jacinto, CA. Time: 10am-4pm both days. Questions: Nancy Alaksin 951-537-9414

February 12-13, 2022: South Bay Quilters Guild 2022 Quilt Show—By the Sea. The drawing for the Opportunity Quilt will be on Sunday, February 13, 2022. To purchase tickets visit our website www.southbayquiltersguild.org, 2022 Quilt Show. For more information go to www.southbayquiltersguild.org

April 1-3, 2022: Best of the Valley Quilt Show, McDermont Field House, Lindsay, CA. Hours: 10-4 Fri/Sat, and 10-3 on Sunday. Admission: \$10, or \$15 for a 3-day pass. Details can be found on website: www.botvquilts.com

May 14-15, 2022: Antelope Valley Quilt Association Quilt Show, Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Van Dam Pavilion. Time: 9am. For more information: www.avqa.org

Bulletin Board

This space available for members wishing to place a free ad or post.

Meeting Dates

Conejo Valley Quilters meet on the **3rd Monday of each month**. Our meetings are held virtually via Zoom and start at 6:00 p.m. Members are able to join 20 minutes prior to the meeting to socialize. Links are sent to current members via email before each meeting. Guests are welcome to attend once they register on our website.

December 6, 2021

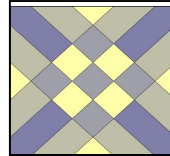
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<i>Needs committee</i>		
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SECRETARY		
Historian	OPEN	
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<i>Dormant while virtual</i>		
Library	Josie Prell	818-917-0884
	Lynn Jurss	805-497-1294
	Barri Breeden	805-990-5390
Newsletter—quarterly		
Outreach	OPEN	
Philanthropy	Pat Anderson	805-523-7178
<i>***team members needed</i>	Sandy Thomas	805-368-4555
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Slide show compilation		
Publicity	Claudia Pederson	805-901-8140
SCCQG Representative	Peggie Eichhorn	805-405-4592
Site Management -	OPEN	
	<i>Fill prior to in-person</i>	
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