

Minutes, Tuesday, January 11, 2011 - 10:00 am

Surfside Quilters Guild, General Meeting # 21

San Clemente Presbyterian Church, 119 N Ave De La Estrella, San Clemente, Ca. 92672

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President: Sharon Whelan, Good morning! Welcome to our speaker, Sue Spargo, our members, new members and guests. Would our new members and guests please stand so that we can recognize you? Thank you for coming.

Next month's speaker, Peggy Timmons and husband, were recognized as guests.

Members with January birthdays, please stand so that we can recognize you! Happy birthday, ladies! I hope that it is the start of your best year yet!

Gentle reminders:

Turn set your **cell phones to vibrate or silent**

Parking --- not in south lot due to the preschool, extra lot on Cabrillo and El Camino Real

ALL members and guests -be sure and **check-in** at the membership table.

Lunch at Carbonara's today. No additional reservations were taken from the floor as the group was full. Carbonara Restaurant, 111 Avenida del Mar, San Clemente, CA. 92672-4001, (949) 366-1040.

Thank you to Jo Hutcheson and Pat McNeil for providing us with beautiful live piano music. Our guild is so blessed to have two such talented ladies who graciously volunteer their time and musical gifts to us each month.

SQG member, **Del Thomas** takes photos of our guild members before each meeting and during the intermission. These photos are for our online member photo album only since the SQG directory has already been published for this year. If you don't want your photo on the SQG website Membership Photo Album, please mention it to **Del Thomas**.

Sunshine & Shadows:

Thinking of guild members Marge Johnson, whose husband is undergoing surgery, Carolyn Pierce recovering from surgery and Judy Dunlap whose husband was recently diagnosed with cancer.

If you know one of our guild members who is in need of a get well card or condolence card due to illness or loss of a loved one, please let Barbara Ann Christensen or Sharon Whelan (SQG President) know as soon as possible. We care about our guild members and their families and while a card is a small gesture it is much appreciated.

The **Opportunity Quilt** from the San Fernando Valley Quilters Guild has been rescheduled to April due to the death of Mary Mulcahey's brother-in-law.

Block of the Month: **Kathy Stewart** displayed a sample of this month's tree block – Primitive Button Tree. The members were reminded about the \$100 raffle drawing that will occur again in June. The raffle drawing is open to anyone who finishes all of the tree blocks and assembles them into a quilt top. Examples of the seven prior month's blocks are on the Block of the Month table in

the back of the room. Patterns of the tree blocks can be found on the guild's website, www.surfsidequiltersguild.org, then click on Block of the Month for 2011 (January).

The Monthly Mini today is "Winter Convergence" made by SQG board member, **Maggie Bell** using a pattern by Ricky Tims. Included in this month's Monthly Mini raffle is the book Quilts - A Living Tradition, by Robert Shaw donated by member **Sue Troise**. Please take the opportunity at the break to look at Maggie's winter wall hanging, the donated book and purchase tickets to have a chance to win both.

Read our online monthly newsletter on the guild website at www.surfsidequiltersguild.org.

Friendship Groups: **Linda Walters** sent around a clipboard requesting names of existing friendship groups, the participants and the names of members that would like to form new groups.

President's Quilt – Nancy Ota, Past President: Surprise quilt for our hard working president. You will want to participate with your own block. Instructions have been sent out by email, and there are also copies at the table. If you need ideas, come by our table and see the blocks turned in, and we have some patterns printed out. The photos of the blocks are also on our website.

Did anyone have problems downloading the patterns off the message or the website?

And if you are interested in helping with the completion of the quilt, there is a sign-up sheet with a variety of things to do. We will have a design meeting Wednesday, January 19, 10 am at my house.

Elections – Sharon Whelan, President:

The Parliamentarian's duties include chairing the Nominating Committee. It is their responsibility to put together a slate of officers for the Executive Board for the next term. The Nominating Committee is made up of four active members plus two alternates. Those selections are Sheryl Smith-Bailey, Kris Kouzelos, LeAnn Goettel and Carol Whiteside plus alternates, Carolie Malenius and Kathie Bellamy. Those serving on the Nominating Committee choose not to run for an office on the Executive Board for the upcoming term. The Executive Board consists of the President, Programs Chair, Membership Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Facilities Chair. The Parliamentarian is appointed by the President.

Nancy Bloyer - Today, you were handed an Election/Volunteer form as you walked in and requested to check the bubbles where you have an interest in volunteering. Also, you were asked to consider nominating yourself for the executive board. The only office that has a pre-requisite is the President. To be president you must have one year experience on the board.

How would you know you have the skills for an EB position? Example: the secretary position... if you have been the hostess of a baby or bridal shower and have taken notes on who brought what then taken the handwritten list home and typed it out in MSWord and sent it to the mom or bride to be... you have the skills to be SQG Secretary. The treasurer position responsibilities include balancing the guild checking account and providing a monthly report. If you can balance your checkbook and run a household budget then you have the skills to be SQG Treasurer. For each executive board position the person leaving the position is available for support, there is a manual documenting how to do the tasks, and there is a transition month when you can ask questions. Finally, there is a basket (show basket) here on the stage and one on the membership

table to drop your completed form in on the way out. If you have any questions, I'm the one with the dog.

Philanthropy: **Monica Shafer** is on vacation, **Julie Vlahos** and guest speaker, **Karen Adams**. The next meeting is Monday, January 24, 2011 from 10am-4pm, at Sacred Moondance Creative Studio in Lake Forest in the classroom upstairs (an elevator is available). The project will be pillowcase dresses to benefit "Dress a Girl Around the World". Please purchase pillowcases at your local department store and while there, also purchase panties that can be put in the pocket of the completed dresses. Or, please make a donation in cash towards purchasing panties. Donations totaled \$119 per Julie Vlahos' report to Sharon Whelan.

Guest Karen Adams was introduced and spoke about her involvement in "Dress a Girl Around the World". Karen is the Southern California representative for "Hope for Kids International", an umbrella organization of "Dress a Girl Around the World". Karen spoke of the opportunity she had to make a trip to Uganda and distribute 1500 dresses like the ones being made by SQG Philanthropy. The dresses not only clothe a young girl, but also leave a gift of friendship and love.

Beginning in February, Philanthropy's monthly meetings will take place on the third Thursday at the beautiful home of SQG member, **Mary Freedman** who resides in South San Clemente. Directions to her home will be included in the February newsletter or you may contact Mary by email or by phone. She is listed in the Surfside Quilters Guild member directory.

Membership in our guild's philanthropy group is open to all members and all levels of experience are welcome. Please bring an ingredient for the Friendship Salad and join in on the fun even if you only have an hour to spare.

Workshops, Jan Hirth:

January 12, 2011 - Wednesday, 10am- 4pm, **Sue Spargo**, Contemporary Folk Art using felted wool. This workshop is full.

February 9, 2011 - Wednesday, 10am - 4pm, **Peggy Timmons**, Appliqué Sampler, workshop fee \$35. Workshop location: Community Presbyterian Church Youth Center in San Juan Capistrano. No sewing machine required. This workshop is full and a waiting list started.

March 9, 2011- Wednesday, 10am - 4pm, **Karen Cunagin**, Innovative String Piecing, workshop fee \$35. A workshop sample was shown. A sewing machine is required. Signups start at today's meeting. Workshop location to be determined based on the number of signups.

April 13, 2011 – Wednesday, 10 am – 4 pm, workshop entitled "Easy Machine Landscapes" will be taught by SQG member Jan Hirth. More details to follow at the next general meeting.

1st VP Programs, Joann Bishop introduced today's speaker, Sue Spargo.

After Sue's presentation Joann thanked Sue for her informative presentation and spoke briefly about upcoming speakers. Thank you to quilt holders, Sheryl Smith-Bailey, Sharon Pembrook and Carole Bassett.

February 8, 2011 - Peggy Timmons, "A Quilter's Journey"

March 8, 2011 – Karen Cunagin, "Gather Your Courage to Enter Your Quilt"

Members and guests, make sure and purchase your Monthly Mini tickets, sign up for workshops, purchase magazines at the Recycle Magazine table, and help your selves to the Hospitality Table. Also, fill out your Nomination/Volunteer Forms and return them to the baskets.

BREAK – 10 minutes

Membership: Today's membership stats.

New members:	2
Renewals:	0
Guests:	12
Established members in attendance:	137
Total number in attendance:	151
Membership total:	256

Thank you to all who provided hospitality for today's meeting. For those of you with birthdays in February, please bring goodies for the table so that we can share in your birthday month.

Hospitality Drawing: Winner is Pat McNeil.

Monthly Mini Drawing: "Winter Convergence" by Maggie Bell who drew the winning ticket. The winner is **Renate Gase**, Maggie's friend and BCQG member. **Maggie** will deliver the mini quilt and quilt book to Renate this week.

Monthly Quilt Exhibit (Show & Tell): Maggie Bell and quilt holders, **Janet Shannon, Sue Troise, Sharon Pembrook** and stagehand, **Emily LaMond**.

Those of you that have signed up for the luncheon, we will see you at Carbonara's. Thank you all for coming and we will see you at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 when Newport Beach resident, Peggy Timmons will be our speaker. I hope you can join us then.

PLEASE drop your completed form in the basket at the stage or the one on the Membership Table as you exit through the Fireplace Room.

Meeting adjourned. Time: 12:01 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Nancy Bloyer
Surfside Quilters Guild, Secretary