



**March 12th Program**

**Patt Blair - "Artist Turned Quilter"**



Artist Patt Blair has been involved in some form of visual or written creative expression since her mid teens using oils, brush and pen lettering, and in the 70s, discovered the joy and spontaneity of watercolors.

Her full-time left brain (telecommunications) work, coupled with college and children, limited her visual arts creativity from the 80s and into the next decade. By the mid 90s, she began weekend morning walks in the park with friends who were quilters.

After a year or so of not knowing what the heck they were talking about, she decided to learn a bit about this quilting thing. Alas, she was not a skilled traditional quilter and admittedly did not like it much because of limited fabric choices and color selections. "I think I'd already had too many years wandering around in traditional art media to start fitting into even a partial pre-plan", she said. "I was previously ruined. I do love traditional quilts and have great respect and appreciation of quilters that piece and appliqué."

Patt stumbled upon a 2-day painting-with-dye class in 2001. At last, she could resurrect use of some paint brushes. Soon as she figured out how to marry up earlier painting experiences with fabric, she was in heaven. It was for the joy of the challenge of enhancing a quilt top with various machine stitches. And thread...it was just linear painting! She loved it! While continuing to develop her skills using varied media and interests in 2003, she began competing and placing in local and nationally judged contests.

To feed the passion of this new art form, she decided to grow and find more people of similar interests, through teaching it in 2004. Patt loves the classroom environment.



**Next Newsletter**

**April Edition**

Deadline is Friday

March 16, 2018 (midnight)

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## **A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:**

For those of you who didn't make it to the February meeting, know that quilters are the best. We go from miss cut strips to broken needles to taking out stitches without any loss of enthusiasm!

Ballots will be available at the March meeting for nominating deserving members for the Dorothea London award. Think of all the people you know who are dedicating their time and energy to bring you program speakers and workshops, raffle baskets, quilt shows, fabric sales, quilts for others, sew opportunity quilt blocks, and many other volunteer jobs in our organization. Let's honor one of them with this award.

Please review the budget so you know just how we do our fund raising (dues, opportunity quilt tickets, quilt show proceeds, raffles, auctions, etc.) and where we spend money (rent for the church, storage of items, speaker presentation and hotel expenses, etc.). We do not have a balanced budget for the next cycle. We need everyone to step up and keep our "gas" tank full!

We need another volunteer from SFVQA to be on the Steering Committee for our 2019 quilt show. I have been compiling written instructions for volunteer jobs and timelines so no Steering Committee volunteer (or quilt show volunteer for that matter) has to be "in the dark" when volunteering.

Sandy Jewett, President

## **Way & Means**

Meredithe Katz, Kim Freed, Melanie Jocson, and Jeanette Woll were the winners of the February baskets. Congratulations to all! Maybe you'll be the winner of the March baskets. Come and look at them and remember that the raffles are a fund raiser to help our guild be the best we can. We'll have pretty fabrics, interesting patterns, and useful sewing implements collected in three baskets. We look forward to visiting with you at the meeting and seeing who will be the winners and take home the jackpot!.

Ellen Lowe and Diane Schwarz  
Ways and Means

Membership committee reports 75 members and three guests attended the February 12 SFVQA guild meeting.

Mary Flacco, Melanie Jocson, and Bobbi Stiller

## **Quilters for Others March 28th**

If you think February went quickly, imagine that the winds and green of March are just around the corner. Join Quilters for Others at St. James Presbyterian Church 19414 Ventura Blvd, just west of Tampa, on the LAST WEDNESDAY of the month to make projects for others. We hope you will join us with your machine and your enthusiasm to create placemats, children's quilts, dog beds, and a host of projects for our many recipients. You may bring your own project, of course, and we will welcome you warmly. Bring your own lunch, or there are fast food places nearby.

Hope to see you on March 28th from 9:30-3 or whenever you can drop in.

Linda Deckard, Jan Lauritzen, Jan Livingston.

## **Mini Group**

Looking to learn some new skills or to refresh and practice decorative sewing techniques?

The new embellishment mini group will hold its second official meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 10 am to 12 pm.

Please call or email Sue Merrell for location and project information at (213) 910-2807 or [Sumerrell12@gmail.com](mailto:Sumerrell12@gmail.com)

Jeanette Woll

## **Opportunity Quilt**

We made \$72.00 at the South Bay show. Not bad for a small show. Thank you to Robbie Eban and Sue Merrell for coming to help sell tickets.

Please remember to turn in your money and ticket stubs to me at any meeting. We really need everyone to be responsible for selling or buying \$20.00 worth of tickets so we can meet our budget. If you have not gotten tickets please see me at the meeting and I will be happy to give them to you.

Thanks to all who have already turned in your money!

Karen Van Den Brink

Please give Sandy Jewett suggestions for a theme for our next Quilt Show, May 4 and 5, 2019 at the Airtel. Forms will be available at the March meeting

## Thomas Fire Relief Quilt Project

Please bring completed blocks to the March SFVQA meeting.  
Thank You!

The little hearts given to me were a sweet surprise!  
Thank you so much! Jann Lawson

## 2018 Executive Board Elections

This year we'll be electing:  
2 Program VPs, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.  
Nominations will begin in March and close in April.

Will YOU be a member of our dynamic SFVQA Board??

Say Yes by calling Karen Van Den Brink or Jann Lawson.

## TREASURER'S REPORT -February 2018

As of 2/15/2018

### Income

Opportunity Quilt - 2017-18	436.00
Membership - Badges	7.00
Membership - Dues	20.00
Ways & Means - Jan.	102.00
Workshops	360.00

Total Income \$ 925.00

### Expense

Administration - Tax Documents	21.87
Meeting - room set up	80.00
SCCQG mileage	48.95
Programs - Lecture Fee	450.00
Programs - Meals	12.94
Program - Travel	529.70
Program - Hotel	333.56
Program - Parking Fees	43.80
Workshop - Teacher Fee	600.00
Workshop - Lunch	6.97
Workshop - MEND	40.00

Total Expense \$ 2,167.79

Balance in checkbook as of Feb. 15, 2018  
\$28,155.60

## Proposed changes to By-Laws and Standing Rules

January 10, 2018

By Laws:

Article IV Section 11

The EXECUTIVE BOARD shall be the deliberating body.....  
*strike "the immediate past president, insert "A Past President.*

Article V Section 3 H

*Change Telephone Committee to Communication Committee*

Article 7 Section 1

Elections for Second Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, *add And workshop Chair....*

*Establishes an election of a workshop chair every year in the same manner as Program chairs so there will be two workshop chairpersons with one elected every year*

Section 5 Change to read Officers shall be elected to serve a singer two (2) year term beginning in June, (new wording) *An elected officer may serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office when necessary.*

Standing Rule addition

#11 Refunds will be given.....

*Add C. if request is made MORE THAN 2 months in advance of a PREPAID WORKSHOP.*

*Clarification, this applies to those members who pay for workshops many months ahead of the "open enrollment" time period.*

By Laws committee

Jann Lawson, Karen Van Den Brink, Sue Merrell, Rosalie Glickman, Loann Haegele, Kim Freed

## March Birthdays

3/6	Sharon Lewis	3/25	Mildred Deas
3/8	Rita Streimer	3/25	Janet Rush
3/9	Jamie Roffredo	3/25	Michele Sharp
3/15	Rivi Shulman	3/25	Sharon Miller
3/18	Janet Lazik	3/26	Maxine Dearborn
3/19	Mary Mulcahey	3/28	Ellen Lowe
3/20	Judith Anstead	3/28	Linda Deckard
3/21	Lee Edwards	3/28	Mary Ann O'Brien
3/22	Deana Carter	3/30	Diane Schwarz
3/22	Marilyn Miller	3/30	Linda Buesching
3/23	Elaine Boulay	3/30	Gail Blair
3/24	Susan Wiebusch		

**San Fernando Valley Quilt Association Budget**

2018-2019

**INCOME**

Quilt Auction (every other year)	1,000.00
Holiday	
Dinner	2,000.00
Raffle	650.00
Interest	
Library Income - Aug. sales	50.00
Membership	
Badges	50.00
Dues - 166 current members <i>(based on \$40 x 143 paying members)</i>	5,720.00
Guests	50.00
Opportunity Quilt 2017	2,000.00
Game Night Raffle	100.00
Philanthropy	
Donation - Anniversary Celebration	
Veterans Project	
Quilter's for Others	-
Ways & Means	
Quilt room tour	-
Raffles	1,000.00
Aug. Extra Sale - yardage	1,500.00
Aug. Extra Sale - Raffle	200.00
Aug. Live Auction	700.00
Workshops/Programs	3,800.00
UFO Challenge Raffle	
QIV Quilt Show - 2017 (est. income)	-
Additional income needed to balance budget	3,776.00

**Total Income 22,596.00****EXPENSES**

Administrative Expenses	
Accounting	400.00
Bank Fees - processing fees	100.00
Board Thank You Expense	100.00
National Quilt Day Gifts	220.00
Past Presidents Quilt	200.00
Postage	50.00
Rent - Church - Lifehouse	2,200.00
Rent - Church - Prince of Peace	120.00
Rent - Church/Setup	880.00
Rent - P.O. Box	90.00
Rent - Storage	2,121.00
SCCQG Ins. Members	600.00
SCCQG Ins. Extra Certificates	50.00
SCCQG mtg. exp. Incl mileage	150.00
Sheet laundry	
State of California	25.00
Dept of Justice-State of Calif	20.00
Supplies, Copies, Misc.	100.00
Web Site	100.00
Anniversary Celebration	50.00
Dorothea London Award (incl 2 this year)	120.00
Block of the Month Expense	20.00
Play Day - February	50.00

Historian	
Meeting Photographs	
Opportunity Quilts (photos)	
Supplies	15.00
Holiday Dinner	
Dinner	2,000.00
General expense & musicians	50.00
Photo Copy, invite & programs	-
August Extra Sale - raffle basket donation	50.00
Hospitality	80.00
Library	50.00
Membership	
Badges/Name Tags	50.00
New Members Tea	75.00
incl. Gift to Tea Hostess	50.00
Postage	50.00
Roster printing	190.00
& Brochure printing	
Bookmarks printing	70.00
Member cards printing	35.00
Supplies - copying renewal forms & roll raffle tickets, mailing labels	50.00
Guest passes printing	0.00
Corresponding Sec'y - misc.exp.	25.00
Newsletter	
Labels & Envelopes	0.00
Postage	250.00
Printing	330.00
Newsletter - other than listed above	0.00
Opportunity Quilt 2016	
Opportunity Quilt 2017	
Envelopes/labels	25.00
Printing tickets	100.00
Advertising/flyers	50.00
Postage	0.00
Photos of quilts	0.00
Batting & Quilting	500.00
Fabric	
Philanthropy	
Veterans Project - supplies (batting)	100.00
St James - Rent exp. (2 years this time only)	125.00
Quilting for Others Supplies (batting)	250.00
Other Exp - flyers and batting	
Programs	
Hotel	1,200.00
Lecture Fees	2,800.00
Meals/Entertainment	400.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Travel	1,600.00
Hostess expense	100.00
Quilt College	0.00
Workshops	
Lunch	50.00
Rent - MEND & Prince of Peace	360.00
Supplies	50.00
Teacher Fees	3,500.00
Misc expense	0.00
Ways & Means	100.00

**Total Expenses 22,596.00**

**Committee Members:** Current Year Sandy Jewett, President, Sharon Miller, Treasurer, Jann Lawson, Robin Shafer, Sue Merrell

Voting to accept the Proposed Budget will take place at the March meeting.

## 2018 UFO CHALLENGE

List below the UFOs you would like to complete. **All UFOs MUST have already been started and under construction.**

Return this form to either Rosalie Glickman or Rosemary Kent.

You will have 8 months to complete as many of your UFOs as you can.

Each time you bring in a **completed** UFO from your list you will be given a ticket to put into the prize bucket.

There is a \$10.00 fee to enter the contest. At the end of the 8th month a ticket will be drawn and the winner will receive **1/2 of the total entry fees collected!**

	<b>Type</b> (table runner, wall quilt, etc.)	<b>Identifying Info</b>	<b>Current Status</b> (blocks, top done)
<b>1</b>			
<b>2</b>			
<b>3</b>			
<b>4</b>			
<b>5</b>			
<b>6</b>			
<b>7</b>			
<b>8</b>			
<b>9</b>			
<b>10</b>			

## WORKSHOPS



Come out and join us for Pat Blair's Filling Station workshop on Sunday, March 11. This class is requested by many quilters who have tops ready to be quilted but also feel a need for free motion confidence and skill building... Come Join! You'll learn. Attend this class and you'll leave with confidence and quilting motif samples to use in your work at home. We'll look at and free motion quilt 3 types of motifs: ones that stabilize, harmonize, and even "MOVE" your eyes on our quilt tops. You'll create a sampler piece of stitched motifs of each type and that sampler can serve as your own quick reference library OR you can approach it as a standalone machine quilted art piece. You'll grow through FREEDOM to fill and learn

in the doing!

The class will be held at MEND in Pacoima from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The class is \$45 and is limited to the first 20 students. There is an additional \$5 fee due at class to the instructor for the Quilting Art booklet of textures and fillers.

Please contact Kim Freed at kim4sports@gmail.com if you would like to sign up. Remember fees are due at the time of registration if done with less than 2 months notice. A full supply list will be emailed to you once you have registered.

Upcoming workshops and fees:

Sunday, April 8 - Nancy Rink on Intermediate Machine Applique \$35  
 Sunday, June 10 - Sandy Jewett on Beginning Paper Piecing \$15  
 Sunday, July 8 - Lauretta Crites on Cutting Mat Tote Bag \$35  
 Sunday, September 9 - Lyn Mann on No Such Thing as Ugly Fabric \$35  
 Sunday, October 7 - Sandy Corbbin on My Basket Collection \$35  
 Saturday, November 10 - Mel Beach on A Slice of Improv \$35

A few reminders:

- Sign-ups are taken for the entire year starting now. Other guilds may register for workshops 2 months prior to the workshop dates.
- Fees must be paid 2 months prior to the workshop date or at the time of registration if less than 2 months until the workshop date.
- Full refunds or movement of fees will only be given if fees are already paid and more than 2 months notice is given.

If you have any questions please contact the Workshop Chairs,

Kim Freed - kim4sports@gmail.com

Joanne Milbrand - jmilbrand@sbcglobal.net

## Internet Sites

Almost all the fabric companies has free patterns.

a few examples:

<https://alexandersonquilts.com/category/free-quilt-patterns/>  
[http://](http://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts_patterns/free/)

<http://hoffmanfabrics.com/free-quilt-patterns/>

Do a google search on either free quilt patterns or on each fabric company  
 Judith



## Simi Valley Quilt Guild

*invites you to a Garden Party*

Saturday, April 21, 2018 \*..... 10 am - 4 pm

The home of Judy Ragan  
 1642 Rambling Road, Simi Valley, CA

Admission: \$15 per person

Quilt Auctions ..... Boutique ..... Plant sale ..... Vendors

Luncheon ..... Raffle and 50/50 drawing

### Schedule

12:00 noon Lunch  
 1:00 pm Live quilt auction  
 3:00 pm Raffles close



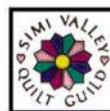
Wear flat shoes and perhaps a hat. Prize for the best decorated hat.

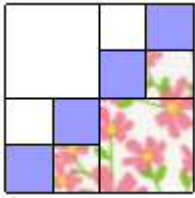
RSVP: raganje@aol.com or 805-527-2196

Handicapped bathroom available

\*Rain date April 28

Proceeds benefit the Simi Valley Quilt Guild, a 501(c)3 organization.





# SFVQA Block Party: "Is it Spring Yet?" Due March 2018

This is a "Double 4-Patch" block. Think spring, shabby chic, baby quilts...

**Block Measurements:** The finished size is 8" x 8" (unfinished size is 8 1/2" x 8 1/2").

**Seam allowance:** always a scant 1/4" seam.

### Color plan:

White solid or looks like a solid

Pink on white floral

Blue- Kona solid "Evening". **\*\*\*NOTE: Free fabric strips provided at the meeting!\*\*\***

### Cutting Instructions:

#### White-

**Big square** Cut one 4 1/2" square.

**Little strip** Cut one 2 1/2" x 5" rectangle

#### Pink floral-

**Big square** Cut one 4 1/2" square.

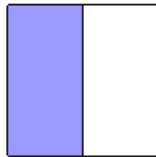
**Little strip** Cut one 2 1/2" x 5" rectangle

#### Blue- Kona solid "Evening"-

**Little strip** Cut two 2 1/2" x 5" rectangles

### Make the little strip units:

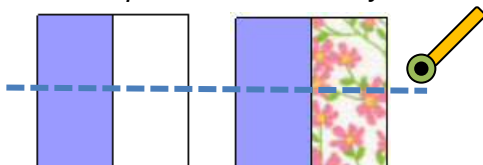
1. Sew one white strip to one blue strip with a scant 1/4" seam. Press seam allowance to the blue side.



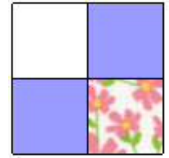
2. Sew one pink floral strip to one blue strip. Press seam allowance to the blue side.



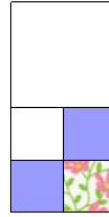
3. Cut both little strip units in half so the new strips measure 2 1/2" by 4 1/2"



4. Sew the opposing strip units into 4-patches that measure 4 1/2" square. Press towards the pink square. Like this:

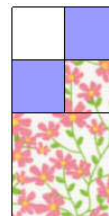


5. Sew one 4-patch to the big white square & press to the big square. Like this:



1. Large white square on top.
2. White squares touch.

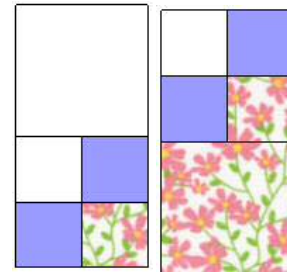
6. Sew one 4-patch to the big pink floral square & press to the big square. Like this:



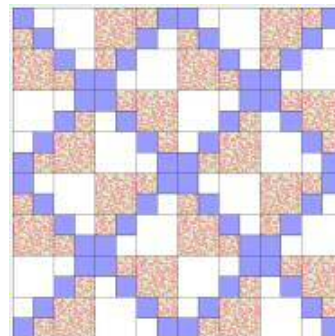
1. Large pink square on bottom.
2. Pink squares touch.

### Complete the block:

1. Layout as shown & sew the 2 units together. Press towards the big pink square. Like this:



Here is a sample quilt layout showing 16 blocks worth:





**San Fernando Valley Quilt Association Meetings**

2nd Monday of every month, 6:25 P.M. Social  
7:00 P.M. Meeting  
LifeHouse Church, Natterstad Hall  
18355 Roscoe Blvd.  
Northridge CA 91325-4104

