



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HOLIDAY TEA



Dear Members,

Many thanks to Lisa Drew for opening her home to us and hosting the December Holiday Tea on December 5. Lisa's lovely home was so roomy we barely knew we had 25 members at the event. We had many delicious goodies, and yes, they were all calorie free (at least that's what I keep telling myself). We wanted to honor Fred Zerez, our audio visual specialist, but as he had a trip to Germany planned, he could not attend. We were able to invite a representative of his favorite charity, SAVES (St. Augustine's Volunteer Emergency Services). Priscilla Terry, eagerly spoke at the tea about their various services and needs--food (any time of year, but especially now), gently used clothing and gathering coats at this time of year. SAVES operates on the grounds of St. Augustine's Church located at Jasmine and Washington Blvd, Culver City, across from Sony Studios. If you're looking for a local organization to offer your volunteer services to, I urge you to look to this worthy organization. We provided SAVES with a \$500 check.

Our next workshop is our UFO workshop to be held on Saturday, January 16, 2016 and, I for one, am looking forward to it. It will be fun to get away and sew in peace among my friends. We're throwing in a new twist this year – we will have a potluck! Plan on joining us!

I wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! See you next year!

Perla Rothenberg, President



Workshops Now open For Registration!



The Annual WQ UFO Workshop – Saturday, January 16, 2016, 9:30am-3:30pm.

Is your sewing room brimming with unfinished projects? Bring them along for this happy, relaxed day of sewing with your friends. Share your quilting dilemmas with other Westside Quilters members and get some helpful advice. Your Programs Committee has decided to up the ante and make it a party with a pot luck salad lunch. Please bring a salad of some sort to share with others - We'll provide drinks and delectable dessert! Maybe some other surprises are in the mix, too! Nothing is better than spending a day enjoying the company of quilters. Getting some new inspiration, finishing a long put off project while enjoying a great lunch is a bonus!

Fee for Members \$20.00. Location: Hoffman Hall , Westwood Presbyterian Church, 10822 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Please respond to programs@westsidequilterslosangeles.org and then send in your *Workshop Registration Form* and payment. You can decide at the last minute—pay at the door, but please send an rsvp by email to programs@westsidequilterslosangeles.org to allow planning for the refreshments. See you in the New Year!

Luke Haynes

Friday, February 5, 2016
9:00-4:00pm (note earlier start time)



Contemporary quilter Luke Haynes-
www.lukehaynes.com

“Log Condo, a new take on the classic log cabin quilt.” Luke will be walking the class through a way to use materials in an alternative way. We will take yardage and make it interesting and then create a small log cabin quilt top to show ways to incorporate traditional patterns into a more contemporary aesthetic.

Fee for members \$50.00 (\$45 for **early registration by January 5, 2016**. Fee for Non-members \$65.00.

Location: St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 11555 National Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064.

There has been a great response to this workshop and we technically have only one space left. Luke has been very gracious and will allow us to add a few more students as the room permits, but if you want to take this class, respond to programs@westsidequilterslosangeles.org as soon as possible to reserve your seat. We realize that life sometimes gets in the way before a class, so we will be keeping a waiting list to dip into if cancellations occur. A link to the supply list is on the Calendar page at www.westsidequilterslosangeles.org

General Meeting Saturday, February 6, 2015 Luke Haynes

Contemporary quilter Luke Haynes will also join us at our quarterly General Meeting on Saturday, February 6 for a lecture presentation on his studio and work. Subverting the traditional quilting form by integrating modern concepts, his art transforms the comfortably familiar into the visually evocative. See how his work takes some old favorites and gives them a purely modern twist!

To Register for a Workshop:

First, please email Programs@WestsideQuiltersLosAngeles.org of your intent to attend a workshop. At the **WQ website**, choose *Calendar* and scroll down to individual workshops. See the link to the Workshop Registration Form (which you can fill in on-line and then print) and the supply list.

See the workshop no-refund policy (substitutions allowed) shown on the Workshop Registration Form.

WQ will hold your space at the workshop for 14 days to allow time to mail Registration Form and payment to the WQ post office box. For last-minute registrations, contact Program Chair ASAP. **Credit cards/debit cards now accepted.** Fees vary. Non-members pay a \$15.00 surcharge.

Note Early Registration discounts available 30 days or more before workshops.

Quarterly Meetings:

WQ members attend at no charge. Non-members are welcome for a \$10.00 guest fee.

Meetings are at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 11000 National Boulevard at Military (3 blocks East of Sepulveda), Los Angeles, 90064.

****MEMBER NEWS****

Nancy King, Sherry Kleinman, and Sally Wright have all had pieces juried into Road to California. Sandy Lauterbach's "Wailing Wall of Krakow" shown at one of Westside's meetings has been juried in to a SAQA exhibit "Stories of Migration: Contemporary Artists interpret Diaspora" debuting at the Textile Museum in Washington DC in April. Also in April, Sherry Kleinman will have a quilt in a Taiwan show. More about that in a later edition.

Here is our own preview of RD to CA from our members.



Optical Illusions III, by Nancy King, "needs to be viewed from a distance or by squinting which makes the straight lines look like they are slanted. This is the third version and I will be making a fourth version soon."



Here are two of Sherry Kleinman's quilts in her words:

1. Balancing Act, 49"w x 40"h

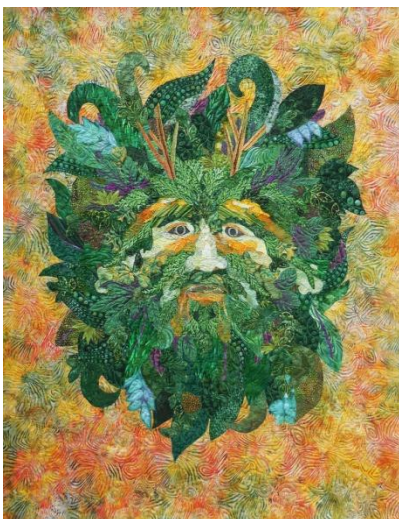
My photo inspiration is of one I took of a band-tailed pigeon in my backyard bird feeder. I drew my image using an iPad app, printed it onto cotton twill, painted flowers and birds with textile paint, then machine and hand stitched it.

2. Birds of a Feather Flock Together, 40" x 40"

My photo of pelicans on a beach inspired this piece. I created a line drawing on an iPad app, printed the drawing onto heavy cotton twill, and painted that with water soluble paints and crayons. It is embellished with hand embroidery stitching with pearl cotton threads and machine quilting



Sally Wright has these two quilts "The Green Man" and "Mated for Life"



Look for our Westside Stars when you go to Road to California, January 20-24, 2016. You saw them premiered here.

PHILANTHROPY

The November Philanthropy “Sew In” was a huge success and so rewarding! By the end of the day we had a stack of 50 completed quilts and several people took home additional quilts to finish and return later. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the day a success – the 18 people who attended and the many others who dropped off quilts or brought them to a meeting. If you are still working on a project and were not able to get it to us or the “Sew In”, please bring it to a meeting. Completed quilts may be donated anytime. Arrangements will be made for delivery of the quilts during the first part of December.

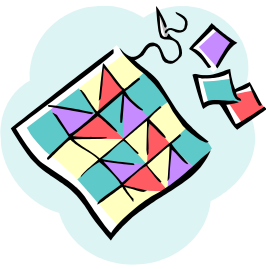


If you have questions please email the Philanthropy co-chairs at

Philanthropy@WestsideQuiltersLosAngeles.org

Hilary Smith Carol Kapp Suzanne Woods





A NEIGHBORLY GUILD CALENDAR

December	
December 5th Westside Quilters Guild	<u>Annual Holiday Tea</u>
January	
January 6th Santa Monica Quilt Guild www.santamonicaquiltguild.org January 9th Workshop	<u>Dragon Dyemarks Making Quilts</u> <u>Workshop: dyeworks</u>
January 16th Westside Quilters Guild www.westsidequilters.org	<u>UFO Workshop</u>
January 20 – 24 www.Rd2CA.com	<u>Road to California Quilt Show, Ontario Conventions Center</u>

Visit the Event Calendar of the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds for additional events www.sccqg.org

OUT AND ABOUT

✂ **January 9, 2016—SCCQG** quarterly meeting, Lemon Grove, CA

✂ **January 20-24, 2016 — Road to California Quilt Show** Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA Registration for January 2016 classes www.Rd2CA.com

✂ **June 1, 2016—Deadline for entry to SCCQG exhibit at 2016 Quiltfest Oasis Palm Springs**, “Capturing the Colors of California—Hues, tints, shades and tones.” See the December newsletter at www.sccqg.org

If you know of events, sales, new stories or anything else that should be included on this page, please send to Newsletter@WestsideQuiltersLosAngeles.org

December and January Birthdays

Madeline Ehrlich	12/6
Ann Chach	12/7
Vicki Bohnhoff	12/16
Cathy Seidman	12/18
Keiko Tapp	1/2
Carollee Schuegraf	1/4
Florann Ramsey	1/14
Aileen Cooke	1/21
Susan Kuhlman	1/24
Jennie Kraft	1/27
Sally Wright	1/30
Luann Jaffe	1/31



EDITORS' NOTE

This is a "winter" edition, December and January Newsletter in one. The next issue will be February's and will be out on the usual schedule, February 1. The editors, Aileen and Luann, are taking holiday time. Thanks for understanding.

In between making the gravy and wrapping presents, write to the newsletter about your sewing machines and why you like them. Or, any clever tips you might have such as this one.

Don't forget to do your Amazon shopping by way of the Westside Quilter's website. You know, go to our website and click on that logo on the first page. The guild gets a small percentage every two months and it's like free money. So do your part. No work is expended.

Morgan County, CO



Treasurer's Report

Sorry due to illness and a computer problem this report will be in the next Newsletter.

Tina Nord, Treasurer

SEWING CHATTER

At the Philanthropy workshop, a clever way to organize strips of fabric: roll strips on empty TP rolls (while they still make them. I hear they want to make rolls without the tube in the middle.), or large empty thread spools. Paper towel rolls can be used for multiple strips. Tack an old pin in the fabric end to keep the fabric in place. It makes all the fabric easy to see at a glance. Don't you just love fabric?

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new members **Gina Maslow** and **Elizabeth Brinn**. The guild now has 86 members.

Karynn Dittmar Membership Chair

WEBSITE

A change has been made to the WQ website at www.WestsideQuiltersLosAngeles.org. Taking the advice of a social media consultant who spoke at a recent Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds meeting, we have moved the Newsletter archive to the Members Only area of the website. The rationale is that an organization's newsletter should be a perk of membership -- an extra incentive and shouldn't just be given away. Important information that a casual visitor to our website needs to know - who we are, what we do and how to become a member - is already on the home page of our site, but the detailed info including member news, financial information and meeting minutes will be reserved for members. The User name (log-in) and password to the Members Only area was sent to you in your membership letter. And, of course, as a member you will continue to receive the monthly newsletter by email.

We have also been advised that our social media scope could be greater. Currently we have a very active Facebook page and have just started boards on Pinterest (just put Westside Quilters Los Angeles in search), but it is recommended that we extend our reach via Twitter and Instagram. If anyone is experienced in either of those two platforms and would like to help, I would very much appreciate the help.

Also on the subject of Facebook - Road to California is coming up in January! If anyone has had a quilt accepted into the show either in the Showcase or in another exhibit, please let me know so I can feature it on the WQ page.

Sally Wright, Website Manager

OCTOBER 17, 2015

The general meeting of Westside Quilters (WQ) was held on October 17, 2015 at St. John's Presbyterian Church.

Introductory Remarks: President Perla Rothenberg brought the meeting to order at 10.00 am. Perla welcomed everyone and new members and guests were introduced.

Minutes: A motion to pass the minutes of the August 15th, 2015 meeting was made by Perla, and seconded by Luann Jaffe.

Treasurer: The current bank balance is \$6051.

Three lucky Guild members each won a pattern donated by Larene Smith.

Philanthropy: Sue Woods thanked members for the quilts, tops, and squares that have been prepared for the November 7th Philanthropy workshop. The workshop will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church and members are encouraged to attend. Information was available at the meeting and is also on the website. Sue also requested nominations for the scholarships available for workshops.

Tanya Heldman volunteered to quilt any completed tops for the Philanthropy workshop.

Programs: Sally Wright thanked Mark Lipinski for the fun workshop that had taken place the day before. Two future events are now open. The UFO workshop will take place on January 16th. There will be a \$20 charge to cover the cost of room rental. Luke Haynes will present a workshop on February 5th and a lecture at the quarterly meeting on February 6th. Luke was present to talk about the workshop – a "Log Condo" project that deconstructs the traditional Log Cabin block.

Showcase Speaker: Sally Wright introduced Linda Miller, a fellow member of "Fiber Fanatics", a fiber arts group. Linda began The Bhavana Project 10 years ago after being inspired by Tibetan Prayer flags. These flags are inscribed with prayers or invocations and are hung outside for the wind to carry the wishes until they deteriorate and then are burnt to release the energy. Linda makes 7x9 blank flags and then participants embellish them as they wish. Linda then puts the flags together in sets of 12. Information is available on her website: www.Lindaamiller.com. Linda is teaching workshops in Culver City in January, and Oxnard in March.

Other Business: Maureen Gardner, the President of the Santa Monica Quilt Guild spoke of the Guild's show and boutique, "Quilting by the Sea", taking place on Saturday November 14th at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica.

Show and Tell: Luann Jaffe showed 2 Wounded Warrior quilts and a multicolored quilt made for her daughter. Sue Correll showed "Sue's Pink Coneflower". Judy McCormack – "Cranes" and "Nettle Creek" - 2 quilts from her parents' home that she made, and vintage crocheted potholders. Cathy Seidman showed her quilt made from leftover blocks she randomly put together - a quilt that caught the attention of Luke Haynes and Mark Lipinski. Marianne Simpson showed "Triangle Star" quilt and "Red & White Vintage" – a block of the month quilt. Mary Ann Sereth showed her Larene Smith workshop quilt made with Batiks and Sally Wright showed her charity quilt made at the same workshop. Keiko Tapp showed a charity quilt using 2 ½" strips, and "America" a Stars and Stripes inspired quilt made for her husband. Virginia Marshall showed "Trip to Japan" using fabric from Tokyo, and "Mile a Minute" a scrap quilt. Kathryn Pellman showed "Runway Fashionistas" and Roberta Walley showed "Orange" and 2 charity quilts "Teddy Bears" and "Washing Day". Roberta thanked Tanya Heldman for quilting the philanthropy quilts.

Featured Speaker: Sally introduced our Featured Speaker, Mark Lipinski - "The Bad Boy of Quilting". Mark presented a fun and inspirational lecture talking about his life, health and his quilting journey. Mark began the "Slow Stitching Movement" and has a website: www.slowstitching.com. Mark talked about reasons to quilt and the importance of having a creative outlet, feeling productive and leaving a legacy. He explained the benefits of learning to slow down, being present and taking the time to recharge and be creative daily. He expressed his dismay at the commercialization of the quilting industry, now owned mostly by "Big Business" and the promotion of "Simple, Easy, Speedy", "Buy, Buy, Buy" and the

"Dumbing Down" of the art. He encourages buying only what you need - not what you want, slowing down, developing excellence, and supporting local shops, fellow artists and the history of fiber art.

Perla thanked Mark Lipinski and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Submitted by

Lisa Drew, Secretary.

WESTSIDE QUILTERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 31, 2015

A meeting of the Executive Board of Westside Quilters was held on October 31st, 2015 at the home of Sally Wright.

President Perla Rothenberg welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05. Other Officers attending were Sally Wright, Tina Nord, Luann Jaffe, Debbie Nussbaum, Roberta Walley, Karynn Dittmar, Sue Woods, Hilary Smith, Carol Kapuscinski, Kathryn Pellman, and Lisa Drew.

The motion to approve the minutes of the September 26th Executive Board Meeting was made by Sally Wright, seconded by Hilary Smith, and approved by all.

President's Report: Perla reported that Dawn Sliskovich is unable to host the Holiday Tea this year. Lisa Drew volunteered to host. Tina Nord proposed that Fred Zerez be asked to select the charity that will receive the donations made at the Tea. Perla will call and invite Fred and his partner to the Tea as special guests. A request to bring food "table ready" will be made in the email pertaining to the Tea.

The microphone for the audio/visual system needs to be replaced. Tina will organize, and a budget of \$250 was authorized.

Vice President's Report: Debbie Nussbaum reported that she and Sally Wright had attended the meeting of the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds. The presentation was about Social Media and there were many interesting ideas presented. They also heard the sad news that Don Beld had passed away.

Membership Report: Karynn Dittmar reported that there are currently 86 guild members. Gina Maslow and Elizabeth Brinn are new members. Ways to increase membership were discussed. It was proposed that at the Quarterly Meeting in February members can "Bring a Friend for Free" to introduce more quilters to the guild.

Website / Social Media: Sally Wright reported that the October Quilter's Showcase is now on the website. Sally also talked about the SCCQG meeting and the presentation by Social Media consultant Caryn Payzant. Caryn spoke about Social Media forums including Pinterest, Facebook, Instagram, and Guild websites. She suggests that 40% of Social Media posts pertain specifically to the individual Guild, and 60% are more general with the goal of attracting a wider audience. Posts on Pinterest and Instagram attract a younger demographic. Sally will look into starting an Instagram account. It was recommended that the Guild's newsletter be available only to members. A motion to move the newsletter to the "Members Only" site was made by Tina Nord, seconded by Roberta Walley, and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Tina Nord reported that the checking account balance is currently \$7056. Mark Lipinski is still owed reimbursement for his airfare and hotel, which will be approximately \$800. The workshop sold out with 19 paid registrants. The Mark Lipinski workshop and lecture expenses were predicted to generate an estimated \$100 loss. Instead there was a profit of approximately \$400. \$50 was generated in guest fees at the lecture and at least 2 new memberships can be attributed to this workshop and lecture. There are already 10 paid registrants for the Luke Haynes workshop in February. We are still waiting for Culver City to refund a \$300 deposit.

Newsletter: Luann Jaffe reported that the November newsletter was ready to be sent out. She asked for feedback on the recent newsletters. There were compliments on the content and timeliness of the newsletter.

Philanthropy: Hilary Smith talked about the upcoming Philanthropy Workshop and estimates 20 attendees. Ways to display the completed quilts were discussed. Roberta will bring the quilt stands. There are a lot of squares to be assembled into tops, as well as quilting, attaching labels, and binding to be completed. A fabric stash will be available to use for completing the quilts. Debbie Nussbaum volunteered to help with setup that will begin at 8:45. There will be stations for cutting, ironing, machine sewing, and hand sewing. An email will be sent to members reminding them that it will be held at St. John's Presbyterian this year and there is no requirement to stay all day. Carol Kapuscinski's business will donate refreshments.

Suzanne Woods distributed a printout of an email received from Beth Donaldson, the coordinator of the Quilt Index. She and two colleagues from Michigan State University are writing a book, "Quilts and Health", and are looking for submissions of quilts and stories.

A scholarship for the Luke Haynes workshop will be offered to Linda Miller as a thank you for her Prayer Flag showcase.

Programs: Sally Wright reported that there had been a good response to the Luke Haynes workshop with 14 people having signed up. This will be held at St. Andrew's on February 5th. The Santa Monica Quilt Guild had booked Luke Haynes for a lecture on February 3rd. Sally will call Cathy Seidman, program chair at SMQG to see if their lecture date can be changed so that the events will not be so close together. So far 2 members have signed up for the UFO workshop on January 16th. This will be held at Westwood Presbyterian and there is a \$20 fee to cover the cost of the room rental.

Kathryn Pellman suggested that during the Quarterly Meeting Quilter's Showcase the quilts are shown from the stage so they are easier for all to see and to photograph. Volunteers will hold the quilts on the stage and the person showing the quilt can speak from the floor.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at the home of Sally Wright on Saturday January 9th, 2016 at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Drew, Secretary

Next Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held January 9, 2016

All members of Westside Quilters are welcome to attend with prior notice to

Pres@WestsideQuiltersLosAngeles.org.

Our Mission

A new kind of guild organized for educational and charitable purposes; to promote cooperation and the exchange of ideas among quilters; to instruct members in methods and techniques of traditional and contemporary creative quilting; to serve mini-groups and their philanthropic endeavors within the community; to inspire personal achievement.

Officers 2015-2016

President	Perla Rothenberg
Vice President	Debbie Nussbaum
Secretary	Lisa Drew
Treasurer	Tina Nord
Program	Sally Wright, Roberta Walley, Kathryn Pellman
Membership	Karynn Dittmar
Newsletter	Aileen Cooke, Luann Jaffe
Philanthropy	Sue Woods, Carol Kapuscinski, Hilary Smith
Website Manager	Sally Wright

Appointed Positions

Hospitality	Sally Madigan and Bobbi Leung
Meeting Set-Up/Take-Down	Stephanie Wexler and Ann Chach
Photographer	Tanya Heldman
President Emeritus	Tina Nord

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iGive.com This is another way to benefit WQ when shopping on the Internet. Here you need to register (the iGive.com logo appears in the lower center on the WQ website home page and links you directly to iGive.com). More than 800 Internet retailers participate (Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Lancome -- to name a few). Follow the instructions at iGive.com.

Non-Profit Status Westside Quilters is tax-exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and classified as a public charity under section 170 of the Code, according to the determination letter dated May 26, 2011 received from the Internal Revenue Service. The effective date of exemption is June 17, 2010. Donations to Westside Quilters are fully tax-deductible for individuals and other entities such as corporations, partnerships, trusts; Westside Quilters is qualified to accept tax deductible bequests and gifts or transfers of gifts.

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