



April to June 2026

Bylaws

Major Bylaw Update!

Per the national Modern Quilt Guild guidelines, we will be enacting some major changes to our guild bylaws. We'll circulate the proposed new bylaws in advance of the April meeting and will be voting on the new language at the meeting on April 12. **Please take the time to read through the proposed new bylaws in detail before the meeting so we don't need to go through them during the meeting itself!**

Any suggested changes to the wording? Please email the board at sdmqgboard@gmail.com in advance of the meeting. Thank you!

Announcements

Upcoming Worldly Events

- Modern Quilt Guild sewalong begins April 16. [Sign up on the MQG website](#) (you'll need to log in)
- American Sewing Guild- Orange County yard sale April 25, 8 am-12pm, Mesa Verde United Methodist Church, Costa Mesa
- [San Diego County Fair entries](#) are due by Monday, May 4!
- Visions Museum of Textile Art: Bibiana Badia's SACRED THRESHOLDS, through May 9 (free!) Multiple other exhibits through June 20; [see their website for more](#).
- Global Quilt Connection [Sampler Platter workshops](#) May 16-17 (online)
- San Diego County Fair June 10-July 5

How Can You Help?

Come to our charity sew-in on April 26!

See below (in the Charity section) for details about the charity sew-in on April 26. This is a great short-term commitment for those who want to contribute but are unable to tackle a whole quilt themselves. Come help us assemble quilt tops from UFOs and group blocks!

On-Going Help

- We need help monthly at the monthly meeting with set up (11am) and clean up (at conclusion).
- Donations for Raffle prizes- got new supplies or extra modern fabric (fat quarter or larger)? Consider donating to the guild for use at our various raffle drawings.

Activities

Transparency Swap quilts are due at the April meeting! I will be collecting them and preparing the shipping to either Austin MQG or Denver MQG. At the June meeting I will distribute the quilts we receive to their new owners. I can't wait to see these beautiful quilts. Thank you to all who participated.

On the second Saturday of the month we are scheduling **Educational sew-ins** at Grand Central Quilt and Stitch located at 100 North Rancho Santa Fe, San Marcos. These will be led by both our own members or well-known teachers from the Modern Quilt community.

April 11 - "Going to the Birds" class with Sue Bouchard

May 11 - "A Variation on Drunkard's Path" with Ann Albertson

June 13 - "My Wedding Ring" with Cecile Choi from the Sewing Party

Annual Guild Retreat at Vina De Lestonnac in Temecula, May 28-31.

Please mark your calendars. Registration is open and there are still slots available for 'Day Sewers'. You could come up for the day on Friday or Saturday or both. On Saturday Cecile from Sewing Party is setting up a Pop-up Shop at this year's Retreat.

Quilt Tribe Sampler quilt, which can be made in 6", 9" or 12" Blocks, has begun, but you can still sign up through June. I will provide students with the instructions from the beginning. If you are interested please sign up on the website in google forms. The class is conducted right after each monthly guild meeting. Duration of the program is from March to November.

If you have any suggestions of what techniques you would like to learn about please let me know and I will do my best to make it happen.

Sue Bouchard
VP Activities SDMQG

April

11 Going to the Birds Workshop 10am-3 pm at Grand Central Quilt N Stitch, San Marcos *Sue will be teaching a workshop featuring Pen & Paper Designs' Sparrow quilt, along with a bonus bird block Sue designed! See your email for a supply list. Class fee is \$25 and includes pattern and fabrics. Spaces are going fast, so sign up directly with Sue or via the board email asap!*

12 Meeting at 11:30am at Quilt in a Day, San Marcos

26 Sew In at Quilt in a Day, San Marcos

May

9 Drunkard's Path Workshop at Grand Central Quilt N Stitch, San Marcos, 10 am - 3 pm. *Our own Ann Albertson will be teaching a Drunkard's Path workshop at Grand Central! You should have received an email with a signup link– contact the Board if you need it re-sent! Class fee is \$20 and includes instructions and templates.*

10 Sew In (NO MEETING!) at Quilt in a Day, San Marcos *Because our May meeting falls on Mother's Day, as usual we will not be holding a meeting this month. You are welcome to sew in at the store during our usual hours!*

24 Sew In at Quilt in a Day, San Marcos

28-31 Annual Retreat at Villa de Lestonnac, Temecula

June

13 Sit and Sew 10am-3:30pm at Grand Central Quilt N Stitch, San Marcos

14 Meeting at 11:30am at Quilt in a Day, San Marcos

28 Sew In at Quilt in a Day, San Marcos

Charity

Charity Coordinator - Kristyn Jansen sdmqgcharity@gmail.com

1st Trimester Outreach Focus (January - April)

[Ronald McDonald House](#) (RMH)

We are wrapping up our trimester focus on Ronald McDonald House this month and will be transitioning to our focus on Just in Time for Foster Youth and their My First Home Project in May. If you still are working on a project for RMH, there's no rush there. Quilts for all our charities are collected all year round. Our first donation to RMH will be made after the June meeting, so if you wish to have a quilt in that donation, please make sure to bring it to Kristyn no later than the June guild meeting.

2nd Trimester Outreach Focus (May - August)

[Just in Time for Foster Youth](#) - My First Home Project

Our upcoming focus will be on JIT and their My First Home Project. More details about this trimester and the upcoming group quilt will be sent out in May from Kristyn. For this focus, we are asking for throw and bed sized

quilts, 50"x60" or larger.

Outstanding Group Quilt Blocks

Blocks for the RMH group quilt were due last month, but if you still need to return those, please bring them to the meeting this Sunday. If you have any other blocks from previous projects that you found in your sewing space, those can be returned as well, as we will be assembling quilt tops at the upcoming Charity Sew In.

Charity Sew-In - Sunday, April 26th

We will be having a charity sew in during our 4th Sunday sew in time (11:00-3:45). We need your help! We will be working on assembling many of our UFO group quilt tops, so we will need help with pressing, trimming, sewing additional blocks as necessary, and sewing blocks into quilt tops. We will also prep the batting and backing for those quilts once the tops have been assembled as well.

Those will be our main tasks, but there will likely be other things to do, so come willing and able to help with any task. If you wish to sew, please make sure to bring your sewing machine and any additional tools you need with you for that task.

Meals on Wheels

We will again be collecting potholders and placemats for Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels has four service centers throughout the county and we split our donation to them between the North County and Metro Service Centers, as this is primarily where our guild membership is based.

For information about sizing or how to make these items, please check out [this link on our guild blog](#).

Kristyn also has a new special Meals on Wheels ask this year, to make bowl cozies for their frozen meals. The bowl cozies will be a specific size and shape, and the pattern is still in progress. We have the Wrap n Zap batting on hand and will send out an email with all the information once that's ready.

Special Charity Opportunity - Gently Hugged www.gentlyhugged.org

Our contact and point person for this charity is Shelly Hoffman, chas2454@aol.com This effort is providing blankets and quilts for babies in need via social workers and nurses. This organization hands out about 60 care packages a month.

Dimensions maximum - 30"x34" for stroller quilts, or 31"-40" wide and 35"-40" for other quilts. No religious, sports, or holiday fabrics allowed.

Business

Board Members

President: Courtney Miller-Callihan

VP of Activities: Sue Bouchard

VP of Operations: Linda Isley

Secretary: Elizabeth O'Toole

Treasurer: Suzanne Coyne

Membership Cards

Every member of our local guild is also a member of the Modern Quilt Guild. You should be receiving emails from them regarding QuiltCon and other guild information. If you log into your MQG account you will be able to download and print your MQG Membership Card. This card can be shown at many quilt shops for a discount on purchases and at other quilting venues. Any discount is at the discretion of the store.

2026 Q1 Financials

Beginning balance 01/01/2026 \$9,680.51

Income

Donations \$50.00

Interest \$0.17

Membership \$3,465.00

Total Income \$3,515.17

Expenses

Insurance \$364.00

Membership \$55.00

MQG Dues \$1,670.00

Opportunity Quilt \$1,240.79

Website fees \$297.95

Total Expenses \$3,627.74

Ending Balance 03/31/2026 \$9,567.94

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Website: sdmodernquiltguild.com

Questions? - please email board at sdmqgboard@gmail.com