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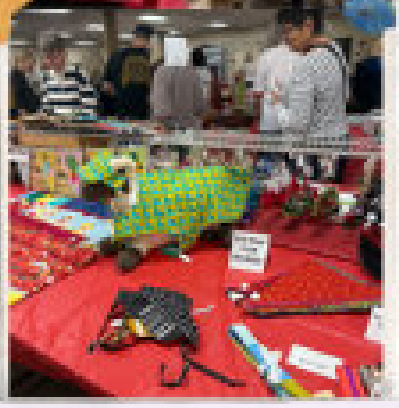
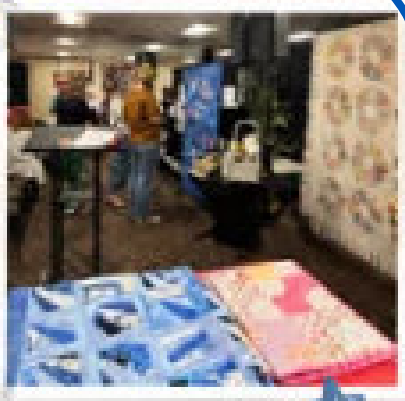
It's Showtime
2026 Canyon Market Place!

Canyon Market Place was a joyful day filled with quilts, fabrics, live & silent auctions, treasures, and plenty of community spirit. With a fantastic turnout, our guild enjoyed a fun-filled marketplace that brought everyone together!





A Garden Party in Cloth and Color

Picture a garden party at golden hour: roses blooming beside the path, lavender humming with bees, leafy vines climbing a trellis, and butterflies drifting through a palette of pink, coral, sunflower yellow, leafy green, sky blue, and soft earth tones. A garden invites us to slow down, look closely, and notice the small wonders that make a landscape feel alive.

Flowers have long been part of quilting history. They appear in appliqué, embroidery, broderie perse, and pieced designs, carrying memories of gardens, family traditions, and the places quilters call home. Nature-inspired blocks—Dresden Plate, Grandmother's Flower Garden, Rose of Sharon, and many variations of leaves, vines, baskets, and blossoms—turn fabric into a living garden.

This year, our guild's annual member challenge invites you to create your own Garden Party. Let nature be your guide: interpret a favorite flower, translate a garden path into a quilt design, or build a block from the colors you love outdoors. Your entry can be traditional, modern, whimsical, or entirely your own.

I encourage every member to join this year's challenge. Bring your imagination, your favorite fabrics, and the joy of making something beautiful by hand or machine. This month of November, I cannot wait to see our guild in full bloom!

--Chris Newsom

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E-zine publication takes a vacation in December. Submissions in Canyon Echoes January issue is Thursday December 24th. The Editor apologizes for any errors or omissions in this E-zine

Guild Information

Canyon Quilters of San Diego is a nonprofit organization established in 1985 to promote good fellowship among persons interested in the art of quilt making and to promote the knowledge and appreciation of all aspects of quilt making.

Meetings are held at the City View Church, Fellowship Center, 8404 Phyllis Place, San Diego, CA 92123. They are held the third Monday of every month at 6:30PM, except December, when the Guild breaks for the holidays. If we have special events or change a meeting day, members will receive an email stating the change.

Yearly dues are $45 and cover July 1st through the following June 30th. Half year rate is $25 and covers January 1st through the following June 30th. The Guild offers Zoom coverage of most meetings for those members unable to physically attend.

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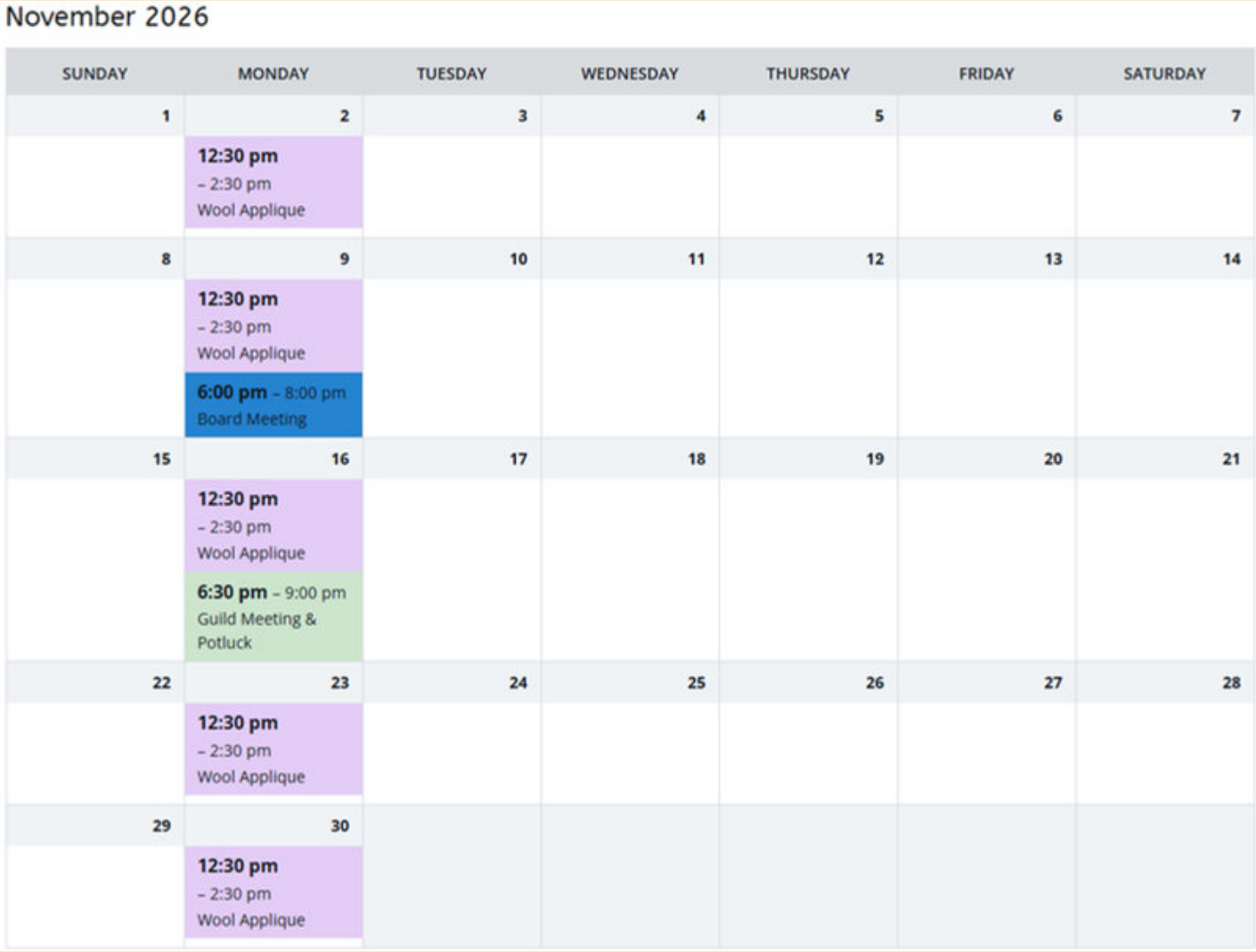
November 2026 - What's Happening!



November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 **12:30 pm** – 2:30 pm Wool Applique	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 **12:30 pm** – 2:30 pm Wool Applique **6:00 pm** – 8:00 pm Board Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 **12:30 pm** – 2:30 pm Wool Applique **6:30 pm** – 9:00 pm Guild Meeting & Potluck	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 **12:30 pm** – 2:30 pm Wool Applique	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 **12:30 pm** – 2:30 pm Wool Applique					

Fun November Events for Quilters

Saturday, Nov 7, 2026, AAQLA (**African American Quilters of Los Angeles**, CA) 40th Anniversary Celebration and Quilt Exhibition Featuring special quilt exhibit, Founders Circle and lecture, Quilter's Bingo, Make and Take and select vendors

November 12-15, 2026 **International Quilt Festival** in Houston Texas is the largest annual quilt show, sale, and textile art academy in the US. Features 1,200+ quilts on display, 600+ vendor booths, and 200+ classes and lectures

November 10-12, 2026 **World Quilt Festival** in Yokohama, Japan. This major international event features global quilt displays, workshops, and over 100 shopping booths selling fabrics, specialized tools, and handmade craft supplies

December 2026 - What's Happening!

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November Programs

Garden PARTY

November 16, 2026 Guild Meeting
Canyon Member Challenge
Theme: **I Went to a Garden Party and...**

No Meeting in December
Enjoy the Holidays!!!

Have a Fun-Filled Holiday

CANYON'S 2026 QUILT CHALLENGE AND HOLIDAY GARDEN PARTY NOVEMBER 16, 2026

Canyon's quilt challenge is a major fundraiser & fun activity for our guild.

This years theme is "I went to a garden party....." written and performed by Ricky Nelson in 1972. Everyone has a garden party story, what's your visual story? We want to get your creative juices flowing, and to sign up before the deadline.

1. Challenge rules there are none, creativity rules.
2. $10 entry fee.
3. Finished quilt size 14" x 14" with a 2" sleeve.

   Attach a label to the back with:

   your name, phone #, title/special techniques if applicable, and
   if it is your first time entering a quilt challenge.
4. **Quilts CAN NOT be turned in at the October 19th meeting. It is CANCELED.**

   Please drop them off at Sew Hut by Nov. 4

   Sew Hut's new location is 7672 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego.
5. There will be a silent auction, opening bids begin at $100 with $25 increments.
6. Quilts will be displayed at the Nov. holiday party, our website and possibly an alternate public location (tbd).

Winners will be awarded local fabric store gift certificates!

Come prepared to vote for your favorite quilt, enjoy the fabulous potluck, and wear your favorite floral frock / garden party dress.

Bylaws Fiscal Year Change Vote

UPCOMING BYLAWS CHANGE VOTE TO CHANGE FISCAL YEAR

At our November 2026 Meeting, the Board will be asking the Membership for a vote on a change to our Bylaws to remove/separate the language regarding fiscal year from the Membership and Dues section in order to facilitate a change to the Guild's Fiscal Year from a July-June FY to a January-December (calendar) FY.

This action will make the Treasurer's job easier, particularly as it matches standard tax filing dates. It is important to note that the Fiscal Year change will not affect the membership year, which will continue to be July 1 to June 30. In that light, the fiscal year information is being moved to the Officers and Duties section for the Treasurer.

Below is a strikeout/underline of the proposed changes.

Article III: Membership Dues

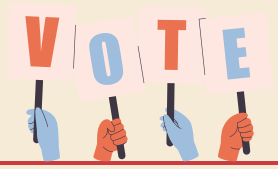
B. The membership (dues) /~~fiscal~~ year shall be from July 1 to June 30. Members not paid by the July meeting shall be considered in arrears, and membership benefits shall cease.

C. Members paying after December 31st shall pay a reduced amount of the yearly membership dues.

Article IV: Officers and Duties

D. The Treasurer shall…prepare an annual budget for the coming fiscal year (January1-December 31) and submit it to the Board for approval at the November Board Meeting…

We will have a question-and-answer opportunity before the vote.



Canyon Guild Membership

We are always happy to take renewals, no matter what month they come in. So a big thank you to:

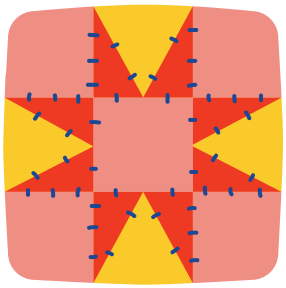
Roni Cripps
Michaelanne Gephart
Linda Isley
Beverley Adlawan
Anne Abendroth
for renewing their Canyon memberships.

And a big warm welcome to new members:

Marilyn Garner
Cynthia Davis
Melissa Yeates

We are so delighted you joined us and look forward to getting to know you. Hope to see you all at our November 16th meeting.

Mary Helmick and Sheryl Sabin
Membership Co-chairs



Could You Be Our Next Volunteer?

WE NEED YOU!

Canyon is looking for 1 or 2 friendly volunteers to step into two open positions. The time commitment is minimal, the work is manageable, and your support makes a real difference to our programs, membership, treasurer, web designer, and Board.

✓ Training is provided for each opportunity, so you will never be on your own.

Password Management Administrator

Help keep the passwords for our treasurer and web person secure and accessible. When one of these positions changes hands, you may reset a password, offer a little training, or occasionally set up or delete a user account.

OneDrive Administrator

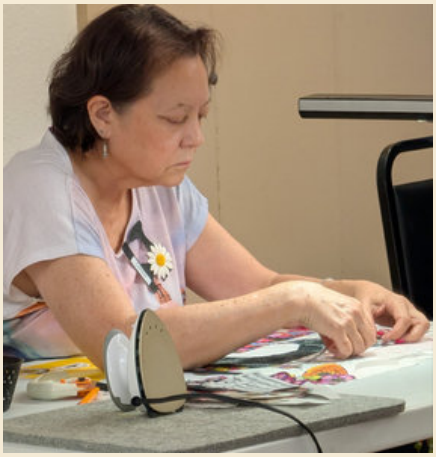
Support our committees and Board as they collaborate and preserve our historical records. You will create file folders and control who has access to what.

Want to help the Guild without chairing an event or committee? Either role is a great fit. It's a little time when needed, but your contribution is too important to leave vacant.

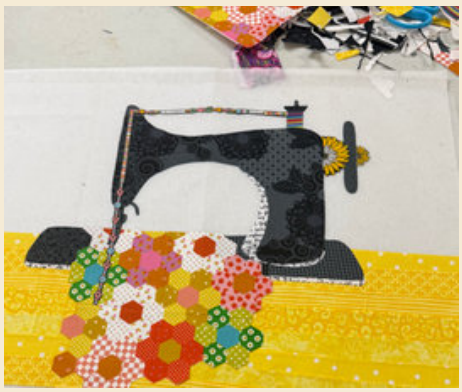
We have made it easy—email us using this **form** and we will tell you more!

Collaging The Laura Heine Way Workshop With Susy Nash

Editor wishes to thank Roxanne Knight for the workshop pictures



Sample Collage by Susy Nash



workshop attendee's collage

Susy Nash's Laura Heine workshop was a joyful day of cutting, layering, and creativity. Although the website advertised a pincushion collage, we had a wonderful surprise: everyone created a Featherweight sewing machine collage instead. The unexpected change did not slow us down—everyone had fun!

2026 Canyon Holiday Market Place Minutes Before Opening!

Editor wishes to thank Judy Thacker for these Market Place pre-opening pictures

Fabric Bundles

Live Auction

Silent Auction

Silent Auction

Quilts for Sale

Boutique Store

Live Auction

A heartfelt thank-you to all the volunteers whose time, energy, and teamwork made the marketplace happen!

Our 2027 Lectures and Workshops

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January 2027 Lecture Only (Zoom), No Workshop

Priscilla Bianchi

Lecture January 18, 2027 Guild Meeting: The Exciting Life of a Guatemalan Quilt Artist

This inspirational slide lecture will appeal to both quilters and non-quilters alike. In it, Priscilla tells her amazing story as a quilt maker: what motivated her to start quilting and how she was hooked; the difficulties and obstacles she's had to overcome; and living in a country without any quilting tradition, community, or resources. Her message is simple: if, against all odds, she was able to achieve what she has...anyone can do it! Priscilla presents with humor, entertaining stories, and lots of insight.

The slides show her sources of inspiration: the Guatemalan textiles and Mayan culture that influence her to create unique art quilts, as well as an overview of her body of work.

- Hybrid meeting with speaker on Zoom
- Social time 6pm in person | 6:15pm Zoom
- Evening program 6:30pm PT

February 2027 Lecture and Workshop

Phyllis Cullen

February 15, 2027
Hybrid Meeting with In-Person Lecture
The Everything Lecture: Tips, Techniques to Make Your Quilts into Art
Evening Program starts at 6:30 PM

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February 2027 Workshop

Workshop Saturday,
February 13, 2027
Wet Felted Flowers with
Beaded Centers
In-person workshop:
9:30am to 3:30pm PT

Phyllis Cullen

March 2027 Lecture and Workshop

Edyta Sitar

Lecture Tuesday, March 2, 2027: The Reasons for Quilts

In Edyta's presentation she reflects on quilters work and how they find inspiration to create, to express, and to mark milestones in their lives. The program is full of historical information, as well as touching personal stories that many quilters can relate to. Edyta presents a large collection of quilts, that entertain and inspire you with many reasons to continue to create and enjoy quilting.

This lecture will be presented at a joint Guild meeting with Seaside Quilters at Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church, 1675 Garnet Ave, San Diego, CA 92109.

- In-person meeting only (no Zoom option for this lecture)
- Evening program begins at 6pm PT
  - Please be on time so we don't disrupt Seaside's Guild meeting prior to the lecture.

Workshop Thursday, March 4, 2027: Shooting Star

Edyta's easy-to-use Shooting Star template makes creating gorgeous blocks a breeze. During this class, we'll cover cutting, piecing, and pressing techniques. Let's make a wish together on our Shooting Stars!

You'll create three star blocks in this class, perfect for a table runner. Alternatively, you can begin a quilt using this beautiful design. You receive the Shooting Star in the workshop kit and Edyta's website also features the Blooming Star pattern, which utilizes the same star, offering students ample options for creating a full quilt.

- In-person workshop: 10am to 4pm PT
- Location: The Station (Retreat Center)
  - Near Grand Central Quilt n Stitch, 100 N Rancho Santa Fe Rd, Suite 113, San Marcos, CA 92069

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April 2027 Lecture and Workshop

David Taylor

Lecture April 19, 2027
Hybrid Meeting with
In-person Lecture
Artistry through
Appliqué
Evening Program
starts at 6:30 PM

Friends Come Free

Workshop Sunday, April 18, 2027
Free Motion Quilting Basics

- In-person workshop: 10am to 3pm PT (includes set up and clean up)
- Location: Cathy Hopper Friendship Center, 4425 Bannock Ave, SD 92117

May 2027 Lecture and 2-Day Workshop

Sandra Mollon

Lecture May 17, 2027 Guild Meeting: Adapting an Image for an Art Quilt

Driven by a lifelong interest in photography, Sandra began creating amazing art quilts from her photographs, which sparked her journey into raw-edge collage art quilts. This technique serves as a perfect way to blend her two interests and produce work with stunning photorealistic detail. In this lecture, she will showcase her beautiful quilts while sharing her creative process.

- Hybrid meeting with speaker in person
- Social time 6pm in person | 6:15pm Zoom
- Evening program 6:30pm PT

2-Day Workshop Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16, 2027: Prickly Pear

In this workshop students learn the technique of raw edge fused collage with the use of textile ink markers and color pencils to add details and realistic features to fabrics. Finished quilt size is approximately 14" by 18".

Sandra prepared kits for this workshop, which contain the pattern and her hand-dyed fabrics. You can bring additional fabrics to add to the kit or purchase some of of Sandra's hand-dyed fabrics during the workshop...or do both!

- 2-day in-person workshop
  - Saturday: 9am to 4pm PT
  - Sunday: 10am to 3pm PT
- Location: Cathy Hopper Friendship Center, 4425 Bannock Ave, SD 92117

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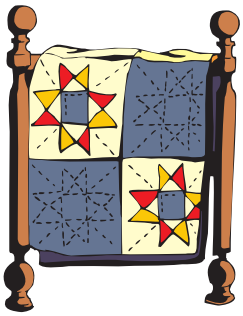
June 2027 Lecture/Workshop TBD

July 19, 2027. Guild Meeting

Maker Meeting for FUNdraiser



August 16, 2027. Guild Meeting

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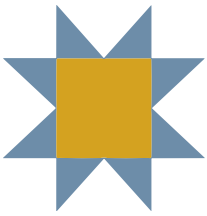

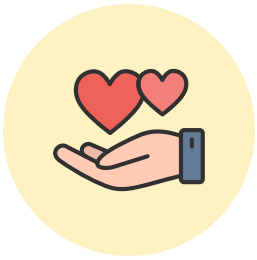

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September 2027 **Lecture and Workshop**

Lecture September 20, 2027
Hybrid Meeting with Speaker in Person
The Root Connection – My Journey as a Quilter
Starts 6:30 pm

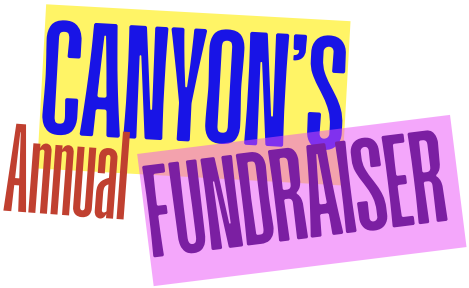
Sujata Shah

Workshop Sunday, September 19, 2027
Kawandi

- In-person workshop: 9am to 3pm PT
- Location: Rosie's Calico Cupboard, 7151 El Cajon Blvd Ste F San Diego, CA 92115

Friends Come Free to this evening's lecture!

October 2027 No workshop No speaker
Annual Fundraiser



November 2027 Canyon Member Challenge Reveal & Potluck
Theme: TBD

December 2027 No Meeting

2026 Fat Quarter Exchange

Good Bye!

No More Fat Quarter Exchanges for 2026

See January E-zine for 2027 Fat Quarter Line-up

VISIONS MUSEUM OF TEXTILE ART

Current exhibitions you don’t want to miss

Quilt Visions 2026 Biennial

Open from October 24, 2026, to January 16, 2027

Quilt Visions 2026 marks the 27th edition of Visions Museum of Textile Art's International Juried Exhibition, celebrating a remarkable legacy of innovation, artistry, and excellence in contemporary quilt making. As a biennial exhibition, Quilt Visions has become an enduring platform for artists from around the world to share their creative voices while advancing the evolving language of textile art.

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TEXTILE ART

Current exhibitions you don’t want to miss

Origins

Open from October 24, 2026 to January 16, 2027

Cultural richness emerges from the interplay of varied social groups, each bringing their own customs, beliefs, and lifestyles. This exchange fosters a more intricate and dynamic cultural landscape. The artists featured in Origins–Oriya Benkoshe, Wipoosana Supanakorn, Saroop Soofi, Claudia Huenchuleo, Sally Linnett, and Peggy Sivert—demonstrate that textile practices are constantly evolving, reflecting both tradition and innovation.

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Current exhibitions you don't want to miss

Will You Stay Here for a Moment? by
Denja Harris

- Open from October 24 to December 5, 2026

Will You Stay Here For a Moment? is an invitation to linger. Built through repeated gestures, layered yarn, and accumulation. Forms emerge and overlap through improvisation, play, and the act of small decisions. Installed in a space designed for passing through, the exhibition offers a brief interruption, inviting viewers to pause and consider what becomes visible through sustained attention.

San Diego Sewers Empower Girls Worldwide

Make cute dresses for the SD Dress A Girl Project
"Make one dress or 100! We love them all"

Pullover Summer Dress Patterns Sizes 4-14

- Choose these easy patterns or similar styles:
- Simplicity 9120, 9280 & 2377, McCall's 5797
- (McCall's 8092 view A only for plus sizes)
- Free pattern downloads: *lifesewsavory.com*, "Schools Out"
  itsalwaysautumn.com, "Flutter Sleeve Dress"

Use your quilting cotton stash. Start with 1 yd

- Best 100% opaque Cotton fabric, finished seams.
- No snaps, zippers, ribbon ties, Velcro & T-shirt dresses.
- Avoid light pastel or white prints.
- One - two pockets required
- Make 2" square white label with Dress Size w/ black Sharpie, Label: SD ♥ U

Deliver Dresses to Pink Daisy Studio, Kearny Mesa or
Text 619-302-6068 for your nearest drop-off location.

Over 1300 dresses have reached girls in communities of Baja orphanages, Madagascar, Tanzania, Malawi and beyond

Join us on Group Facebook: SD Dress a Girl

Givers Gain: Empower Girls

Schedule a "Sewing Dress Camp Day" for your group.
get a group of 4 or 6 for a few hours of fun $10 donation.

Learn some tricks to make your dress quick and fun.

Donate your extra cotton Dress fabric to Michalee Sloan,
Pink Daisy Studio, 7969 Engineer Road, #112
By apt. 619-302-6068.

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