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Share what we know.
Learn from each other.*

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President's Message

Stepping "out of the box" – I was just thinking about how easy it is to find a pattern we "feel comfortable with" and stick with it. But also, how inspiring it can be to take a class or workshop (like Terry's paper piecing in September) in an unfamiliar technique or pattern and find a whole new path to explore.

Exploring our creativity and finding a way to express each of our uniqueness is what I find exciting. I started quilting in 1983 in a home class taught by a friend. I was trying different patterns, but pretty much in the same color palette. THEN I took a class from Freddy Moran, and was amazed by her use of bright colors. It was like she "gave me permission" to use bright colors, and I have enjoyed them ever since.

Was there a "turning point" for you? Hopefully many!
Happy exploration! Linda Ganfield

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, September 10, **Open Sew**, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave.

Thursday, September 12, 7:00 pm **General Meeting** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave.

Tuesday, September 17, noon, **Board Meeting** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave. All are welcome.

A reminder: All of our meetings/open sews/workshops/retreats are fragrance free. Some of us are quite sensitive and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Our speaker will be Colleen Granger. She is a longarm machine quilter, pattern designer, instructor, and lecturer whose designs have been featured in national quilting magazines. She divides her time between Northern California and Glennallen, Alaska.

In her own words - For those who don't know me, my name is Colleen Granger and I am a quilt-aholic. I am also one of those people who love what they do...I am a quilter! I am an author, designer, teacher, quilt maker, and long arm machine quilter. You can usually find me playing with fabric somewhere between Alaska and California and beyond. I travel to teach and I get to meet the nicest people.

As an instructor and designer, it is my goal to break projects down to their easiest form of construction so that everyone can be successful. While I am sure that I am not 100%, I do strive to make my books and projects easy to construct, but to make them look difficult.

KISS IT GOODBYE

We'll have a Kiss it Goodbye table at the September meetings. This is a chance for you to clean out, recycle, or pass on items you no longer need. Remember that your 'trash' is someone else's 'treasure'. Items should be quilt related – fabric, magazines, quilt tops, orphan blocks, tools.

FALL MINI RETREAT

The Mini Retreat is Saturday, October 5 & Sunday, October 6. The final payment for the retreat is due at the September Guild meeting. If you can't be at the meeting please mail your final payment to Terry Hodges, 1290 Weber St. 94501

WORKSHOPS

The next workshop will be Saturday, September 14. Terry Hodges will present Beginning and Advanced Paper Piecing. Registration for the Advanced class closed in July, registration for the Beginning class closed in August. If you are interested, you can ask about possible cancellations.

Be sure to bring cash or your checkbook to the Guild meetings. You never know when you'll want to sign up for a workshop. Don't be disappointed.

FIELD TRIP – Alden Lane

Quilting in the Garden show will be held at the Alden Land Nursery, in Livermore, on September 28th and 29th. Anyone who is interested in going to this show, should put it on their calendar. At the September meeting we will take sign-ups for drivers and passengers to attend the show on Saturday, September 28th. This will be the last event for the Guild this year.

FIELD TRIP – PIQF

PIQF is October 17-20 in Santa Clara. Kathleen Fennelly has worked with Mastick to offer a round trip bus to the Festival for \$14. It will leave Mastick at 9:15 am on Thursday, October 17 and will return to Mastick at approximately 7pm (leaving Santa Clara at 5 pm).

If you want to join in, sign up through Mastick, 1155 Santa Clara, 510 747-7500

DONATION

The Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter asked the Guild to donate a quilt for their 'After the Ball' fundraiser on October 10. Suzanne Duran stepped up and volunteered one of her creations. Thanks!

MEMBER NEWS

Alla Blanca is teaching several classes and ongoing "meetup" type groups starting in September, both at New Pieces and at the Sewing Room in Alameda. Check the online calendars at both locations for more details.

Show and Tell from the August Meeting:



2020 RETREAT UPDATE

The AQG 2020 Retreat will be held Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 1, 2020 at Mercy Retreat Center in Auburn. Eleven meals will be provided starting with dinner on Monday night, B, L, D on Tuesday through Thursday, Breakfast on Friday morning. Mercy Center may not be able to accommodate all dietary restrictions. They do have a microwave and refrigerator space available. Rooms are singles that include a sink. Bathrooms and showers are dormitory style.

Registration forms are now available on the AQG web-site. Forms and deposit checks will not be accepted until the September 12 general meeting. Members may make arrangements to bring in **one** (only) additional registration form and check for a member not able to attend the September meeting. All registrants must be paid current year members as of the August general meeting and also be current paid members at the time of the retreat to attend.

The cost of the retreat is \$420. Members need to bring a 50% deposit (\$210) to the September meeting along with their signed form. Final payment (\$210) will be due at the February 13, 2020 general meeting. Registration will continue until 30 slots have been filled.

If there are slots available after the February 13 meeting, attendance will be opened to non-members. The non-member price is \$440. If necessary, two wait lists will be kept, one for members, one for non-members.

If you have any questions, please contact: Leslie Sorenson Lsoren30@comcast.net
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OUT & ABOUT

September 14-15: **Elk Grove Quilt Guild**. Portuguese Hall, Elk Grove

September 21-22: **Sierra Quilt Guild**. Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora

September 27-29: **River City Quilt Guild**. McClellan Park, McClellan

September 28 -29: **Quilting in the Garden**. Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore

October 12-13: **Columbia Harvest Festival**. Columbia State Park, Columbia

October 26-27: **Seasons in the Woods Holiday Boutique**. Independence Hall Community Center, Arnold

November 8, 9 & 10: **The Quilter's Quest Shop Hop** is a fabulous way to kick of your holiday season gift shopping with the latest fabrics, books, patterns, notions and gifts for the sewers in your life. Hop the shop, get creative and get quilting. You will receive 2 free fat quarters at each shop.

November 9-10: **Tuleberg Quilt Guild**. Location TBA, Stockton

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Sally Mirault's daughter Katie gave birth to a big baby boy on August 9th! His name is Wes Mitchell Beaver weighing in at 9 lb, 11 oz and 22" long. Sally is a very happy grandma to three sweet boys!

Unfortunately Sally Mirault's generous, clever and wonderful Secret Sis won't be able to attend any more meetings this year due to a schedule change. Boo hoo. She has been the BEST Secret Sis ever! Every gift she's given has been a delightful surprise.

To top it off, she packaged up gifts for the remaining months and asked someone to forward them to me so I wouldn't go without. That's just one example of how thoughtful she is. It was hard to wait in suspense so I opened them all at once. It was like my best birthday ever - thank you, thank you, thank you!!! Best of luck with your new endeavors You'll be missed.

ITEM OF INTEREST

The Sewing Room, at 2434 Webb Ave in Alameda, stocks thread. Their hours are generally afternoons, closed Sunday and Thursday. Call first, at 510 332-9807

WEBSITE

You can submit photos to alamedaquiltguild@gmail.com.

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- Recrafting, 2449 Santa Clara, Alameda (510)263-0249 www.therecraftingco.com
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