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Learn from each other.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to spring!

While up in Oregon visiting my granddaughter, we had to go to a quilt store to get fabric for a banner she was making for school. She wanted a floral fabric and as we went through the store looking at all these beautiful flowers, I started thinking what a beautiful time of year this is. California poppies, blooming trees, and daffodils were everywhere as we drove up to the Pacific Northwest. As quilters we get to look at these beautiful flowers whenever we want and not just in Springtime.

With this warmer weather we can look forward to our meeting in the Park on April 29th at 2pm. I thought it would be fun to set a theme for our show & tell, please bring a quilt with floral fabrics in it or flowers in the piecing, especially appropriate since our BOM is a basket and our next block is sunflowers.

"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine." Anthony D'Angelo. Quilts do that for the makers and the receivers! So this month find a little sunshine and stop and smell the roses....

Terry Hodges

Upcoming Dates

- Apr 3 Deadline for show 'n tell photos for April meeting
- Apr 8 7:00 pm Guild Meeting – Zoom
- Apr 17 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Sew 'N Chat - Zoom
- Apr 20 Noon Board Meeting – Zoom
- Apr 29 2:00 pm Floral Show 'N Tell at Lincoln Park

Our Guild bylaws have been updated and approved by the board. To review, visit the Members Only section of the website.

APRIL 8 GUILD GENERAL MEETING – ZOOM

This will be a demonstration of specialty rulers. The presenters are Sally Faulhaber, Terry Hodges, Alla Blanca, and Laraine Salmon. We use the tools we are comfortable with and don't always know what else is out there. Tune in and find something new.

We'll also hear from Roxanne Romell and Nancy Gayles, representatives from the organizations to whom we donate. They'll share stories about how their clients have been impacted.

It's also a Show 'N Tell meeting. Make sure your photos are sent to Marie Dunford, megdunford@comcast.net by April 3. Thank you.

ZOOM TIPS

The Zoom link for the April meeting will be sent to you via email on Tuesday, April 6. April's meeting is a double feature—Four ruler demonstrations and member Show & Tell!

A reminder...

- Please mute your microphone unless you are speaking
- Be mindful of background noise if you are unmuted
- Use the Chat function to ask questions and make comments throughout the meeting
- All Zoom Phone users must be on the Zoom desktop client or mobile app version 5.0.5 or later for full functionality and security

If you have questions or problems, contact:

Marie Dunford: 510-334-3354 or megdunford@comcast.net Jeanne Heffernan: jmh8346@sbcglobal.net
Dorothy Kerwin: 510 769-9159 or kerwindorothy@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 64 members. Please send your \$40 to P.O. Box 2724, Alameda, 94501. The membership form is on the website, it only needs to be submitted if you are a new member or if something has changed. A reminder, if you are going to the retreat in 2021, you must be a member of AQQ.

Welcome to new members Sandy Horvath, Rebecca Ahmann, and Vera Scott. We wish you happy quilting. Stay safe. Carole King

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

Reach out and send good wishes to our sister quilters with birthdays this month!

Carole King, Ruth Hunter

SEW 'N CHAT

We will meet (virtually) on Saturday, April 17, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. You can log on and we will sew together. We will unmute so we can chat just as if we were in person. Another way to be social and productive. Marie will send out a link, look for it.

AQG IN THE PARK – APRIL 29

The theme for this month is flowers. Bring your floral quilt or quilt with pieced flowers for show 'n tell. Bring your completed BOM (from March). The next BOM will be sold for \$2.00

SURVEY QUESTION

Do you prefer to go to the Auburn Mercy Retreat Center every year or would you prefer to change retreat venues every year? Or would you prefer to alternate with the Mercy Center and another venue every other year? Send your responses to kerwindorothy@gmail.com

I received one answer to last month's question about workshop. The member asked for a workshop on kaleidoscope quilting and one on English Paper Piecing.

Let's try two answers this month!

AQG 2021 CHALLENGE – A REMINDER

We've chosen the 'Snowballed Disappearing Four-Patch' for our challenge quilt. The pattern was included in your December Goodie Bag. Make a quilt of any size. Prizes will be awarded for most interesting design use of the blocks; most colorful; best use of patterned fabric.

Photos are due May 28th. Send to Marie Dunford, megdunford@comcast.net Happy Quilting.

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

The winner of the Mar BOM was Carol Bernard. The next BOM, "Basket" is due April 29. There are blocks remaining. If you'd like one, email me at suzy.duran@gmail.com

Thank you to Barbara Stuber for her work on the BOM project. She will be moving on to new pursuits and Joy Beireis-Molnar will be working with Suzanne Duran. Thanks to all for keeping this project going.

IN MEMORY

One of our founding members, Lorraine Hering passed away on March 27.

Lorraine, Terry Hodges, and Carole King were the three people to initiate the formation of the Alameda Quilt Guild. Some of you may remember her from classes at Quilt Fans. Some will remember her as a member of AQG. She created our first newsletter. Ill health made it impossible to her to attend meetings. She will be fondly remembered.

GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2020/2021

April 8	7 pm Zoom Meeting – Ruler Demonstration, specialty rulers: Sally, Terry, Alla & Laraine
May 13	7 pm Zoom Meeting – Barbara Eikmeier, "It's All in the Sashing"
June 10	7 pm Zoom Meeting – Jean Impey – "Spiderweb Quilts"
July 8	7 pm Trinity* - Donation Day. Birthday/Welcome Back Celebration
August 12	7 pm Trinity* - Demonstration of Holiday Projects: Michelle, Dorothy, Leslie, Lorraine
September 9	7 pm Trinity* - Linda Wagner – "Edgy", borders for visual impact
October 14	7 pm Trinity* - TBD – Auction and possible show and tell
November 11	7 pm Trinity* - Nancy Brown – "Animal Quilts, Family Quilts, Trunk Show"
December 9	7 pm Trinity* - Holiday Party and Donation Event

*We will switch from Zoom to in person meetings when we get the OK from Trinity.

KISS IT GOODBYE – MARCH 25

Once again, your no-longer-wanted is someone else's must-have. Thanks to all for sharing.



ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

It's time to begin the ornament exchange. I will draft a sign up sheet for those interested and people can email me directly at Joy@csudsu.com to sign up and I will add you to the list.

The sign up will close in September as those that sign up will be making multiple items so that each participant can have one of each ornament. The ornament exchange will be in December at the general meeting.

The rules: make a handmade ornament of any type for each person that signs up. There will be a bag to place the ornament in for each person that signs up. It is a fun activity that puts your creativity to work and puts a smile on faces of those that receive your gift. Joy Beireis-Molnar

2021 RETREAT UPDATE

We have changed our 2021 retreat at Mercy to November 11-15, 2021. We hope by then we will all have been vaccinated and we can relax and have fun. If you are already on the list, stay tuned for further updates. If you are not on the list, there will be an opportunity for you to sign up after I receive the contract, watch for more details. If you just want a refund let me know. We know that sometimes life happens and you may have to cancel, if so, contact me.

Questions, contact me, Carole King 510 522 6601.



Did you know quilting is contagious? Dora Calhoun, one of our members, is a long time quilter. In the process, her husband caught the bug and became a quilter also!

This is Gene's latest quilt, a beautiful quilt of valor, his current area of interest. He will be donating it through AQQ.

How are your donation quilts coming along?

IMPORTANT NOTE

If you receive emails from ALAMEDA GUILD it is not our guild. Do not open, it could be malware. AQQ emails will always say ALAMEDA QUILT GUILD. I received my first wrong email today. I know some of you get them more frequently. Carole King

CLASSIFIED ADS

This is a new feature for those wishing to sell items. This is for members only. Items should be priced at \$25 and up. Include a picture, if you can. Send to kerwindorothy@gmail.com

OUTREACH

We have pillowcase kits and fidget kits (3) as well as quilt labels available. Any members who wish kits or labels can contact either Helene Young (heyoungh@earthlink.net) or Jeanne Heffernan, 510 263-8085 or jmh8346@sbcglobal.net to request.

You can also make a pillowcase (s) from your stash. There are many websites describing the technique – this is one. <https://www.seasonedhomemaker.com/pillowcase-tutorial-burrito-style/>

OPEN SEW

Open Sew is currently on hiatus. We'll let you know when we can be back at Trinity. Happy Sewing!

SHARE THE GUILD EXPERIENCE.

If you have a friend you'd like to invite to a Guild meeting, forward the friend's name to Marie Dunford (megdunford@comcast.net). You can then forward the Zoom link to the friend and they can enjoy the meeting. This is a one time only offer.

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707 938-7312 www.broadwayquilts.com

New Pieces, 766 Gilman St., Berkeley 94710

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Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

WEBSITE

You can submit photos to alamedaquiltguild@gmail.com. The MEMBERS ONLY section is **only** for members of the Alameda Quilt Guild and requires a password. Do not share it. Using any information found here for any commercial purpose (direct mailing, marketing, etc.) is expressly prohibited.

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