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Share what we know.
Learn from each other.*

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President's Message

Down the rabbit hole (but in a good way). Here's what keeps me quilting. I never know where my next inspiration might come from. I bought "Modern Quilts, Designs of the New Century" at Recrafting (on Santa Clara), and found many new directions of interest, which are now flagged. Then I knew Rosalie Dace was speaking at the SF Quilt Guild, and started checking out her work. Which led me to her teaching at Asilomar, which then led me to check out Empty Spools classes, which led me to Jenny Bowker, and her fascinating "Shimmering Triangles" class (which is full). Endless possibilities.... Linda Ganfield

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, Mar 12 Open Sew 10 am to 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church

Thursday, March 14 7:00 pm **General Meeting with speaker**

Lynn Koolish. In this fiber art lecture, she presents her personal journey in art quilting with a discussion of inspiration, process, and quilts. Join her as she explores various media, techniques, and processes.

Lynn works in a variety of styles and loves experimenting with new ideas, materials, and techniques. She edits quilting books full-time and teaches a variety of surface design and quilting classes. Her quilts have appeared in books, magazines, and local and national quilt shows. Lynn resides in Berkeley, CA

Tuesday, April 9 Open Sew 10 am to 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church

Thursday, April 11 7:00 pm General Meeting. This will be a full evening of show and tell. We encourage quilts, apparel, and craft projects of all kinds.

Editor's note – I'd like to remind members that all of our meetings/open sews/workshops/retreats are fragrance free. Some of us are quite sensitive and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

FIELD TRIP FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO QUILT SHOW

The show is Saturday, March 23 at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. We have a couple of drivers scheduled. We will leave Alameda at 9:15 am and return around 3:00 pm. If you are interested in participating in this adventure (either as a driver or passenger), please call or email JoAnn Stewart 510-821-8098 -- 1jastew@comcast.net. Final details will be provided at the Guild Meeting on Thursday, March 14th.

An alternative is public transportation to the show. The 'O' Bus leaves from in front of Kamakura (on Santa Clara) at about 10 minutes past the hour. The 38 bus leaves directly from the temporary terminal every 10 minutes. It's about 40 minutes from Alameda to SF, then about 30 minutes to the church. The bus stop is directly across the street from the church (Geary at Gough). A Clipper card definitely helps.

Mark your calendars for the Carquinez Straits Stitchers' Quilt Show in Benicia, Saturday, May 18th. We will have a group participating.

OPEN SEW

Join us on Tuesday, March 12 from 10 – 3 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave. If you haven't tried this yet, I encourage you to come. It is such fun to share work, ideas, questions, and opinions with others. We always have a great time. It's not too early to get a start on the outreach quilts and pillowcases for 2019!

These are some of the quilts from Show and Tell in February.



WORKSHOPS

The March workshop is Saturday, March 16, 10 am at the Alameda Naval Air Museum, 2151 Ferry Point, Alameda. Gigi Jensen will teach about color, hue, tone, tint, and value.

The April workshop will be a Mondo Bag with Alla Blanca on Saturday, April 13

The May Mystery Quilt workshop with Jane Hageman will be Saturday, May 18 (there was a calendar mix up at the venue).

A reminder, workshop registration is the month before the workshop. Plan to sign up for the April workshop at the March meeting, the May workshop at the April meeting.

QUILT BLOCK CHALLENGE

February 14, 2019 – July 11, 2019

The theme is Music. Music arouses emotions, images, and memories in all of us. What does music mean to you? Do you have a favorite style, artist, instrument or lyric?

Please follow the simple rules below:

- The block must include your interpretation of the music theme by using your own fabric.
- You may use a pattern or create your own design.
- You may sew, appliqué, embellish, print, paint, etc.
- The block size must be: No smaller than 12" x 12", No larger than 18" x 18"
- Your project must be completed with quilting and binding.
- Completed blocks are due at the July 11th meeting.

Any questions, please contact Sally Mirault. 510 523-8078 or sallymirault@comcast.net



RETREATS

Our 2019 retreat is April 1 to April 5 at Mercy Retreat and Conference Center in Auburn, CA.

Ladies it is not too early to start packing!!

Once again, we will have a strip block that you can do. This one starts with a triangle and is called the spider web design. If you have a stash, we will need 1 to 2 inch strips in reds or blues, any length. They can be stripes, flowers, geometric, whatever. I still have strips from last year. You do NOT need to bring strips to participate. If you are interested in seeing what last year's quilt looks like, it is hanging at Mastick. Laurie Moyer won the blocks and made a beautiful quilt.

Sally is collecting gift donations for our retreat in April. Everyone enjoys the anticipation of having their name called and winning a random door prize. This is an opportunity to look through your collection of things you've never used that could be re-gifted. Or, maybe you have a gift card for a local business. It doesn't need to be quilt related. Anything would be appreciated. Please give them to Sally Mirault at the March guild meeting.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Carole King, Carroll Stephens and Sally Mirault attended a quilt retreat 2/7 - 2/10 at the same location AQG held its 2018 retreat in San Juan Bautista. There was a lot of rain but no one cared since it was dry, warm and cozy inside while sewing. Everyone had a good time getting UFO's completed and new projects started.

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



OUTREACH - ALAMEDA QUILT GUILD OUTREACH PROJECTS 2019

As part of our “share what we know” mission statement, we would like to strongly encourage all of our members to consider creating at least one quilt, or a joy bundle, or a pillowcase to be donated to charity.

Two organizations for 2019 chosen by AQG Board to support are:

- Volunteers of America, Foster A Dream which offers services to foster children from birth to age 18.
- Midway Women’s Shelter which houses families, women and children up to 18 years.

Guidelines for projects are:

- Bring completed projects to AQG July or December meetings.
- Quilt sizes recommended to be at least 36 x45 (child) or 60x80 (teen or twin bed size).
- Any combination of washed fabrics can be utilized.
- Quilts can be sandwiched with batting or commercially available fleece throws can be used as backing.
- A quilt can be hand tied or machine quilted with an AQG label sewn on the back.
- Only newly purchased stuffed animals are recommended for Joy Bundles and attach an AQG label to each 18x18 quilt.

Further questions can be answered by the Outreach Coordinator at the monthly guild meetings.

July 11, 2019 Member meeting: Quilt and pillow case donations for Foster-A- Dream, Volunteers of America

December 12, 2019 Member meeting: Quilt, pillow case, and Joy Bundles donations for Foster-A-Dream and Midway Shelter



Creations from the February workshop – Collage by Terry Hodges



2019 AFFILIATES

Please patronize our affiliates and mention Alameda Quilt Guild when you are there.

- Bay Quilts, 5327 Jacuzzi St, Richmond (510)558-0218 bay-quilts.shoplightspeed.com
- New Pieces Quilt Shop, 766 Gilman, Berkeley (510)527-6779 www.newpieces.com
- Broadway Quilts, 20525 Broadway, Sonoma (707)938-7312 www.broadwayquilts.com
- Recrafting, 2449 Santa Clara, Alameda (510)263-0249 www.therecraftingco.com
- The Cotton Patch, 1025 Brown Ave, Lafayette (925)284-1177 www.quiltusa.com

WEBSITE

You can submit photos to alamedaquiltguild@gmail.com.

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OUT & ABOUT

Manteca Quilters Quilt and Doll Show, March 2-3, 2019. Stockton, CA.

info: <http://www.mantecaquilters.com/>

Sonoma Quilt Show, Mar 9th & 10th from 10-4:00, Vintage House Senior Center, 264 First Street East, Sonoma CA. \$5.00 Admission to Benefit Vintage House Senior Center

Featuring The Pointless Sisters - a 50-member art quilt group whose members' quilts have been shown nationally and internationally. Using a variety of non-traditional quilting and surface design techniques, its members produce stunning and innovative fiber arts. Come and see this collection of over 100 quilts made by local quiltmakers.

The 18th Annual **Sacramento Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival** will be held March 14-16, 2019 at Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95815

Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday & Friday, 10:00am - 4:00 pm Saturday

Admission: \$10 for a 3-Day Pass - with coupon \$5.

A \$5 OFF Admission Coupon is available to print out on our website www.quiltcraftsew.com

Features: \$500 Cash giveaway daily at 9:30 AM at the Green Building. FREE Seminars | Hourly Prize Drawings | HUGE Vendor Mall | Make & Take It Projects | and much more!

San Francisco Quilt Guild, March 22-23, 2019

The SFQG's 18th biennial show presents more than 200 quilts made by members along with work by featured artists Sujata Shah and the guild's own Jeanie Low. Special exhibits showcase the Dorcas Quilters on their 80th anniversary, the Millefiori mini group, wearables, and antique and vintage sewing machines plus sewing memorabilia. With more than two dozen vendors, quilt appraisals, an activity corner with crafts for all ages, a market stocked with handmade items, and more, QUILT 2019 is a not-to-be-missed event.

Pine Needlers Quilt Guild in Groveland, CA. We would like to invite your guild to come visit with us at our 2019 Quilt Show. Find all the info here: SAT, MAY 4, 2019 AT 9 AM Seventh Biennial Quilt Stroll. Don't forget to save the date and let all your friends know...

<https://www.facebook.com/events/201928830758071/>

Carquinez Straits Stitchers

Our upcoming quilt show, **SPRING ON THE STRAITS**, will be held this year, Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19, 2019. It will be held at the Historic Benicia Clock Tower, a fortress built in 1859, with incredible views of the Carquinez Straits and Suisun Bay.

We are very excited about this show! There will be quilts, wearable art, vendors, a "Country Store", refreshments and a chance to win our beautiful Opportunity Quilt which will be raffled off on Sunday. We are proud to present our featured artist, Judy Arrants, whose inspiration for her awesome quilts has come from her adventurous world travels.