



THE BRIDGE

*Make friends.
Share what we know.
Learn from each other.*

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President's Message

November...the month of Thanksgiving. And among my many blessings, I am thankful for quilting. For being able to create something pleasing, to be enjoyed. Whether it be a bed quilt, treasured for its warmth and beauty, or a wall hanging, enjoyed for its uniqueness and beauty, I am blessed for having this creative outlet.

I am blessed by an inexhaustible supply of gorgeous fabrics, for tips and tricks from other quilters, for the joy of the quilting and crafts community in general, for making wonderful friends, for the gift of giving to others, for them to appreciate. Blessings all. Linda Ganfield

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, November 12, **Open Sew**, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave.

Thursday, November 14, 7:00 pm **General Meeting** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave.

Tuesday, November 19, 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.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

We're fortunate to have our very own in-house expert Terry Hodges who will give a presentation on Threads and Needles. You may (or may not) know that not all threads and needles are created equal. Come and find out what to use when and why some outcomes are better than others.

There will also be show and tell. Bring your projects to share. You'll be applauded and encourage others to work on and finish their own UFOs.

KISS IT GOODBYE

We'll have a Kiss it Goodbye table at the November meeting. 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.

N.B. – there will not be a kiss it goodbye at the December meeting. Clean out now!

MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again, membership renewal. Remember to bring your checkbook to the November meeting and you can renew your Alameda Quilt Guild membership for the low, low price of \$40 per year.

We appreciate your membership and participation and we are all looking forward to a great 2020.

2020 RETREAT UPDATE

The AQQ 2020 Retreat will be held April 27 - May 1, 2020 at Mercy Retreat Center Auburn. We've had a great response in our initial registration and deposits.

The retreat is full, but we are still taking names for the wait list. Contact Leslie Sorenson for more information. Final payments for registered attendees will be at the February general meeting.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact: Leslie Sorenson Lsoren30@comcast.net.
Home phone 510 227-5895 cell phone 301 651-6093

ACTIVITIES FROM THE MINI-RETREAT (AND THE FOOD WAS GREAT!)





This quilt was made by Carol Cislowski and donated through Quilts of Valor. Another example of good works by our members. Thank you, Carol.

SECRET PAL

It was decided at the October Board meeting that there will be a new process included on the information sheet given out at the beginning of the Secret Pal year. It will stipulate that if, for some reason, you can no longer participate in Secret Pal, that you will write to your pal and let her know.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

There will be a Holiday Pop-up at Bay Quilts on Saturday, November 23, 10-5 & Sunday, November 24, noon-4. It is free admission.

Our very own Suzanne Duran and Wanda Fudge will be selling their mosaics. Plan to attend.

15 artists will be selling hand made gifts, ornaments, cards, and jewelry for all the people on your list. Plus, the store will have many new quilt-centric gifts for the sewist in you.

Bay Quilts is at 5327 Jacuzzi St, 3-C, Richmond, CA. 94804
www.SFbayquilts@gmail.com (510)558-0218



A New Quilt Shop

WHAT: **FIG TREE & CO.**
NOVEMBER CHRISTMAS
OPEN HOUSE & SHOP

WHERE: 555 DUTTON AVE
SAN LEANDRO CA 94577

WHEN: NOV 15-17, 2019
TIMES: Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-5
Sunday 12-4.

MORE INFO: We will have new kits, fabric, gifts, a fabulous CHRISTMAS MAKE & TAKE that you don't want to miss, a special CHRISTMAS gift for the first 15 people each day, & lots of goodies to look at!

NOVEMBER WORKSHOP

There were not enough sign ups for the Bento Box workshop, so it was cancelled.

Read the newsletter for future workshop announcements.

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

OUT & ABOUT

November 2 & 3: **Alameda Holiday Boutique** at the 'O' Club, Alameda Point. 10am to 4 pm both days.

November 8, 9 & 10: **The Quilter's Quest Shop Hop** is a fabulous way to kick off 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.

Pioneer Quilters Guild

When: Nov 9 – 10, 2019. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4.

Where: Roseville Sports Center, 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville

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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