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Share what we know.
Learn from each other.*

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President's Message

By the time you are reading this, our third retreat (April 1-5) will have happened. So we will have lots of memories to share of projects begun (or finished), walks taken, food prepared for us, and the quilt show some of us will have enjoyed as well.

I'm looking forward to our upcoming Show & Tell. This is everyone's chance to share not only quilts, but garments and projects (tote bags, whatever else). Please keep to no more than three, so we have time to enjoy everyone's items. Our meetings are such an opportunity to get together with others who enjoy working with fabric, whatever form and direction we choose to explore.

Upcoming Dates

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.

Tuesday, May 14 **Open Sew** 10am to 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church

Thursday, May 16 7:00 pm **General Meeting**

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 BENECIA QUILT SHOW

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

Thanks to all who helped with the car pools for the San Francisco Show. A good time was had by all.

OPEN SEW

Join us on Tuesday, April 9 from 10 – 3 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave. Please bring fabric donations suitable for making pillowcase kits. It takes about 7/8 yard for the body and 1/3 yard for the cuff. You don't have to provide both, anything suitable is welcome.

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.

WORKSHOPS

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.

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.

Frequently members become interested in a workshop when it's described at a meeting and decide to sign up that night but can't because they're unable to pay the \$25 fee. It's disappointing to be stuck in that situation. The best solution is to borrow the Boy Scout's motto and always be prepared. Please bring your check book or cash with you to each meeting for that just-in-case scenario. The exact amount of cash is appreciated because the workshop coordinator normally isn't able to make change.

YARN YARN YARN

The Bay Area Crochet and Knitting Guild members knit for charity. We could always use any yarn you would care to donate. If you are de-stashing or know someone who needs to donate yarn please give me a call and I will arrange for pickup. Eileen Carlin-Goldberg, 510-530-3966- leave a message or you can email me at Quiltertoo@aol.com.

B.A.C.K. donates to Meals On Wheels, Midway Shelter (in Alameda) and the homeless in Oakland.

Quilts from Lynn Koolish, our March speaker.



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

OUT & ABOUT

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.

<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.

There will be quilts, wearable art, vendors, a "Country Store", refreshments and our Opportunity Quilt will be raffled off on Sunday. Judy Arrants will be the featured artist.

This is the next Block of the Moment. Look for it at the April meeting.



DOWNTOWN ALAMEDA SPRING FESTIVAL

This will be our inaugural public event. It is Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12. We have reserved a space in the non profit section at Central and Park. We'll need volunteers in two hour shifts to staff our table.

The general idea is to let people know we are here. It is also a time and place to display our quilt banner. If you'd like to participate, there will be a sign up at the April meeting.

2020 GUILD RETREAT UPDATE

The 2020 Alameda Quilt Guild Retreat will be held at the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Batista. It will be for 4 nights beginning Monday, April 13, 2020. The rooms will be doubles with baths and a few singles will be available for a higher fee.

Sign-ups will be after I hear back from the retreat center with costs. This much I know.....we will do payments in 2 installments of 50% each. You can expect to be paying at least \$220 each payment. Start saving your money now and Save The Date on your calendars.

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

OUT AND ABOUT 2

The 5th Annual Fresno Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival will be held at the Big Fresno Fair in Fresno, CA April 25 - 27, 2019.

WHAT: Fresno Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival

WHEN: April 25 - 27, 2019

WHERE: Big Fresno Fair, 4500 E Kings Canyon Blvd., Fresno, CA 93702 - FREE PARKING

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

ADMISSION: FREE - NO COUPON REQUIRED

<https://quiltcraftsew.com/newsletter-guild-fresno.html>

The 17th Annual Quilt Show Reno will be held at Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV, June 20 - 22, 2019, with Workshops and Lecture/Demos starting on June 20th.

WHAT: Quilt Show Reno

WHEN: June 20 - 22, 2019

WHERE: Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E. Second Street, Reno, NV 89595 - Free Valet & Self Parking

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

WORKSHOPS, LECTURE/DEMOS: Tuesday - Saturday from 8 am - 9 pm –

Online ordering closes on June 15th.

<https://www.quiltshowreno.com/newsletter-3-21-19.html>

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Sally Mirault recently spent a week in Palm Springs visiting a friend who moved there a year ago. The fun filled week included: tasting a date shake at the Shields date farm, touring the Cabot Pueblo museum in Desert Springs, a drive to the Salton Sea, shopping at 2 quilt stores, attending an amateur stage production of The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas and going on the Celebrity Homes Bus Tour.

WEBSITE

You can submit photos to alamedaquiltguild@gmail.com.

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