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Carole King (2021)

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President's Message - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I'm so happy 2020 is gone, our future is looking brighter...

But there were bright notes in 2020. We learned we could continue meetings with Zoom. We had a very successful donation day and we managed to see each other at meetings in the park.

A fresh new year brings:

- Time at home, with our creativity, fabrics, and machines to indulge in our passion for quilting.
- New outreach projects to do and a 2021 challenge project
- New Zoom meetings to attend and speakers to learn from
- New quilting ideas to explore with a Zoom, Working with Silk class Feb. 13th;
- And best of all (hopefully) new retreats and classes to attend in person.

Those of you on our Facebook page know that I have been putting up a sewing tip, a picture, or a funny saying every day to bring a little light to your winter. If you are not on Facebook, call another member and have them help you join. It is a closed group so only guild members will see your posts. This is a great connection since we are still having to stay home.

I failed to mention Sharon Flores as one of the elves who made the Humbug bags for your goodie bag in last month's newsletter, thanks Sharon!

So I say: "Bring on 2021!" We've got a whole lot more to do!!!

"See" you at our next Zoom meeting on January 14th. Stay healthy, warm and happy!! Terry Hodges

Upcoming Dates

Jan 14: 7 pm Guild Zoom Meeting – Amy Friend

Jan 21: 2 pm, Meet 'n Greet, Lincoln Park

Feb 11: 7 pm Guild Zoom Meeting –

Kathleen Fennelly & Alla Blanca

Feb 13: Guild Workshop – Julia McLeod

JANUARY 14 ZOOM MEETING

Our speaker will be Amy Friend whose subject will be “Intentional Piecing”, using fussy cutting in quilt design. She is a former museum curator who currently spends her days designing, quilting and sewing. Piecing with intention is all about taking the time to think about how the cut of your fabric will end up appearing in your quilt top or project once the piecing is complete.

n.b. The January meeting would normally be our birthday celebration – 5 years now! Because of social distancing, we are postponing the meeting until mid-year.

MEMBERSHIP

55 members have so far renewed. 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.

Stay safe. Carole King

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Sally Robinson, Heidi Schultz, Sally Mirault, Penny Matheny, Sharon Flores, Suzanne Duran, Alla Blanca, Joy Beireis-Molnar, Ginger Atkinson

SEW 'N CHAT

This is a new feature beginning on Saturday, January 16 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. You will 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.

OPEN SEW

Open Sew is currently on hiatus. We'll let you know when we get clearance from Trinity to reconvene. Happy Sewing!

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

Stay tuned for the next one. Make this the year that you will try at least two new blocks!

FEBRUARY 13 ZOOM WORKSHOP



Julia McLeod will teach the basics of working with silk in quilts. The cost is \$30 with a limit of 25 quilters. Members only can register until Jan 25, after that it is open to all. Contact Sally Mirault to register: sallymirault@comcast.net

Carol Bernard has offered her stash of silk to any workshop participants who need it. (carols88@comcast.net) Thank you, Carol.

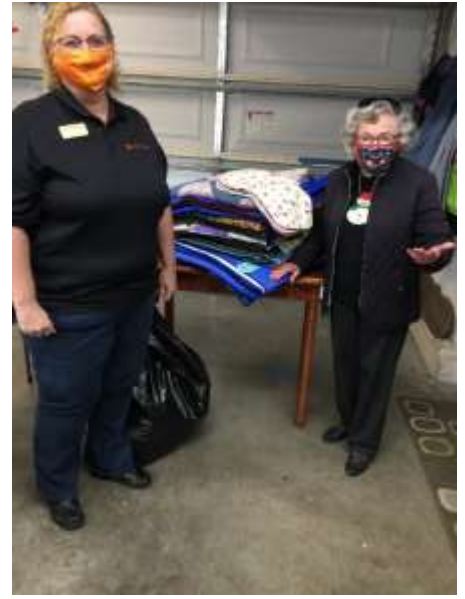
DOING GOOD WORKS – OUTREACH DONATIONS

Thank you to Jeanne Heffernan and Helene Young for organizing and directing the December 10 drop off for the Guild Outreach efforts. And thank you to all our members who sew up a storm to contribute.

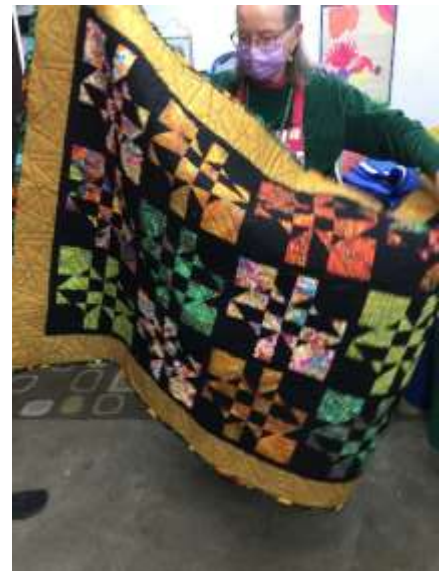
Quilts of many sizes and joy bundles were dropped off for the Midway Shelter, Sutter Care at Home - Veterans, and Alameda County foster children. These organizations were very appreciative. The need is great and we are helping.

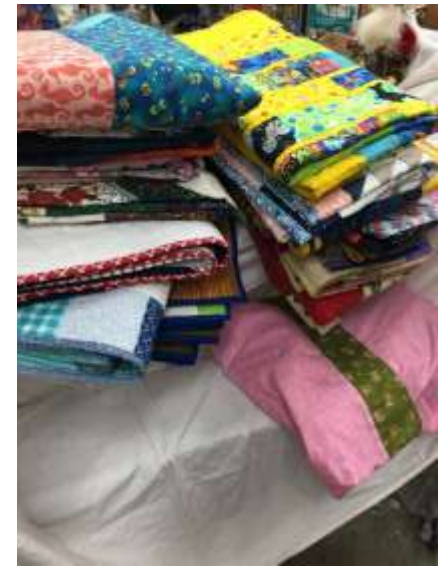


Helene Young and Brent Adams from Sutter Care at Home



Ginny Krutilek and friend from Midway Shelter





GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2020/2021

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| January 14 | 7 pm Zoom Meeting - Guest Speaker Amy Friend - "Intentional Piecing" |
| February 11 | 7 pm Zoom Meeting - Quilting Journeys with Kathleen Fennelly and Alla Blanca |
| March 11 | 7 pm Zoom Meeting – Patricia Belyea – "The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts" |
| April 8 | 7 pm Zoom Meeting – Ruler Demonstration, specialty rulers: Sally, Terry, Alla & Laraine |
| May 13 | 7 pm Zoom Meeting – Sue Bleiweiss – "Fabulous Ways with Fusible Web" |
| June 10 | 7 pm Zoom Meeting – Extended Members' Show and Tell |
| July 8 | 7 pm Trinity* - Jean Impey – "Spiderweb Quilts" Also a donation event |
| 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.

GUILD WORKSHOPS FOR 2021

February 13 Julia McLeod – Basics of Working with Silk. \$30. Contact Sally Mirault to sign up.

2021 RETREAT UPDATE

The 2021 retreat is currently scheduled for Mercy Retreat Center in April. We are looking at postponing it until later in the year. 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. All of the cancellation dates for next year still have to be worked out.

We have openings for the retreat. The cost is \$420. You will need to pay the full amount and complete the form that will be on the Web page. Please mail to P.O. Box 2724, Alameda, CA 94501.

It will be on a first come basis and you can bring money and the form for one other person. We will receive the contract in December, so will have more details then.

Questions, contact me, Carole King 510 522 6601.

APPEAL FROM BAY QUILTS

As most of you know Bay Quilts is a shop created from the dreams of the mother and daughter duo, Sally and Abbeyshane. Opening Bay Quilts has been one of the greatest achievements we have experienced in our lives.

It has been a very difficult journey. We have been working around the clock to keep our dream alive and to stay in the community that we love more than anything. We can no longer do it on our own and the clock is ticking. As hard as it is, we are setting aside our pride and asking our community for help. After months of debate we have decided to make a donations page on our website so anyone who wants to help us stay open can do so.

If you can and are willing to donate, however big or small, we will forever be grateful. We know the pandemic has affected every single person on some level. If you are not in a position to donate please don't feel obligated to do so. Sending us prayers and positive energy is just as important and valuable to us and we are very thankful.

Thank you so much for all of your support during these times. We deeply appreciate each and one of you. We look forward to what the New Year will bring. Much Love and Gratitude, Abbeyshane and Sally

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



Thanks to all who contributed to the goodie bags!

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

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 (heyoun@earthlink.net) or Jeanne (jmh8346@sbcglobal.net) to request.

2021 AFFILIATES

Cotton Patch, 1025 Brown Ave, Lafayette 94549	(925) 284-1177	www.Cottonpatchfabrics.com
The Sewing Room, 2434 Webb Ave, Alameda	(510) 332 9002	Jennifer Serr jennifer@the.sewingroomalameda.com
The Recrafting Company, 2449 Santa Clara Ave,	(510) 263-0249	info@therecraftingcom.com
Broadway Quilts, 20525 Broadway, Sonoma 95476,	(707) 938-7312	www.broadwayquilts.com

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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Hello everyone,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this.

As most of you know Bay Quilts is a shop created from the dreams of the mother and daughter duo, Sally and Abbeyshane. Opening Bay Quilts has been our biggest dream come true and it's one of the greatest achievements we have experienced in our lives.

Who would have thought 2020 would have been such a crazy year. It was difficult and challenging in ways we never could of predicted. We started the year by being excited and looked forward to everything that was to come. That changed in March when we were mandated to shut down. We never imagined that we would have to stay closed for the next 9 months. In November we had just started taking in-store shopping appointments but right before Christmas we were forced to shut down again until at least January 7th.

It was a rough year, not only for us, but many small family owned business across the country. It's so sad driving around town and seeing all the business that have had to permanently close due the struggles they faced with to Covid-19. Many stores were thriving before the pandemic and since have had to make some gut-wrenching decisions to close down. Many of these places were once staples of the community and now they are deserted and left empty. We know there are so many broken hearts and crushed dreams connected to every single small business that had to close down and we deeply feel for all of them. We have done our best to support all small family-owned, and local business during these times, we know how much help they need because we are all in this together.

We have gone through a myriad of changes and adjustments to survive and have learned a lot during these times, including our determination to stay in the game. We love this community more than words can describe and hope that we have created a magical place for you at our shop. It is our goal to make everyone who walks in our doors feel like they are at home. We wanted to not only open a shop but, create an environment where people could come to find a smile on their face and warmth in their hearts because of the experiences and memories they make at Bay Quilts.

When we had to close our doors to the public in March Abbeyshane started working overtime to get everything in our shop listed on our webpage so we could start selling online. We want to thank anyone who has made an order on our webpage and supported us during these times, we are incredibly grateful. Before March we only had a small sampling of fabric on our webpage and it was a huge scramble to get our inventory listed online so we could provide our goods to our customers and help pay the bills to ride out the storm. We still have much more to list on our webpage and Abbeyshane is working very hard everyday to get it done. We never imagined we would be shut down to in-store shopping for as long as we have and would need to rely on our webpage to keep us in business. Even though many orders have been made we have still had to dip in to our savings every month to make ends meet.

It has been a very difficult journey. We have been working around the clock to keep our dream alive and to stay in the community that we love more than anything. At this point we have used all our savings not only from the shops reserve but also our personal savings. When we started to reach the end of our personal savings, we had to start making some very difficult decisions.

We have decided to sell our home and use the proceeds to keep Bay Quilts open until we can get passed the limitations and losses that the pandemic created for us. We are determined to stay open and in the community. After much consideration and debate we knew that Bay Quilts was more important to us than a house. At this time we are taking a Holiday break to step away from the shop to pack and move our homes. We know after the pandemic passes things will eventually return to a new "normal". We look forward to the day we are able to open safely to the public again and have everyone in our shop. At that point we will be able to start building our savings up again for ourselves and for Bay Quilts, but until then we will fight to be here and stay open. We want to be here in the future and far past the pandemic when we have all had time to heal from our losses and this dark time.

We can no longer do it on our own and the clock is ticking. As hard as it is for us, we are setting aside our pride and asking our community for help. After months of debate we finally decided to make a donations page on our website so anyone who wants to help us stay open can do so.

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We want to THANK everyone who has placed an order on our webpage or purchased something over the phone in the last 9 months. We are so grateful to you. You have helped immensely and its keeps us in business. We are so very blessed and happy that you are

still coming to us during these turbulent times. We hope to always be here for you for any quilting, sewing, or crafting needs. We love being the place you go to not only for fabric or things you need, but also when you need a little sunshine and smiles. We miss being the place you go to when you want to share stories, projects, and to make some fun and creative memories. We hope we can still be that place for you in the future.

Thank you so much for all of your support during these times. We deeply appreciate each and one of you. We look forward to what the New Year will bring.

Happy New Year!

We hope you are all safe, healthy, and happy.

Much Love and Gratitude,

Abbeyshane and Sally

[If you would like to make a donation please click this link.](#)