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Learn from each other.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's St. Patrick's Day for some but I think it's a lucky month for all of us. We are lucky to have made it to this year. Most of us have had our first shot and some our second, so COVID is going to be a memory soon. Members are asking me when we will be having in person meetings. It's yet to be decided, but we are probably looking at summer time.

We are lucky to have our quilting and our quilting sisters.

We are lucky to live in a temperate climate.

We are lucky to have our guild still active. With that said, just a reminder that on March 20th we will have a sew n chat and we will meet in the park on Thursday March 25th together.

I'm Irish (my maiden name was Kilpatrick) and I would like to leave you with an Irish thought:

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home,
May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam,
May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures,
May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.

I wish you the luck of the Irish this month.... Terry Hodges

Upcoming Dates

Mar 11 7:00 pm Guild Meeting - Zoom
Mar 16 2:00 pm Board Meeting
Mar 20 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Sew 'N Chat
Mar 25 2:00 pm Meet at Lincoln Park – Kiss It Goodbye
Apr 8 7:00 pm Guild Meeting - Zoom

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

MARCH 11 GUILD GENERAL MEETING – ZOOM “The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts”

Join Patricia Belyea as she takes you on an insider tour of the 2020 Tokyo Quilt Festival. Patricia presents the highlights of this international quilt event, then continues onto a traditional chusen-dyeing workshop to explain this traditional hand-dyeing process.

Patricia finishes with a show of [her own quilts](#), made with vintage Japanese cottons, and talks about how these special fabrics inspired her.

ZOOM TIPS

Note: 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. Please update to the latest version of Zoom.

The Zoom link for the March meeting will be sent to you via email on Tuesday, March 9.

Member-presented Zoom meetings are recorded. To view the “Quilting Journeys” – 2/2021 (Kathleen Fennelly and Alla Blanca) and 11/2020 (Leslie Sorenson and Rita Virgil), visit the members only page of the Alameda Quilt Guild website. You will find the link and the passcode needed to view each video.

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

If you have questions or problems, contact:

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Jeanne Heffernan: jmh8346@sbcglobal.net

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MEMBERSHIP

I want to thank all of you that renewed your membership. We really appreciate your staying with us during these very unusual and challenging times. 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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Gale Emigh, Laraine Salmon, Helene Young, Bonnie Jacobsen, Judy Lamb, Martha Peck

SEW 'N CHAT

We will meet (virtually) on Saturday, March 20, 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.

SURVEY QUESTION

Do you have suggestions for upcoming workshops? Have you attended a workshop you think might be of general interest? Let us know. Respond to kerwindorothy@gmail.com

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.

Pictures are due May 28th. Happy Quilting.

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

The winner of the Jan/Feb BOM, "Houses & Trees", was Lu Burton. The "Disappearing Hour Glass" BOM is due to Barbara Stuber at the March 25 meeting at Lincoln Park. Thanks, Suzanne Duran

WORKSHOP REPORT

The "Starting with Silk" workshop with Julia McLeod on February 13th was a big success! Julia is a friendly and knowledgeable teacher who made everyone comfortable regardless of our various experience levels. We learned how to identify silk fabrics and distinguish them from those made from other fibers as well as how to tame and stabilize this slippery textile.

There was plenty of time to sew on our own and experiment with improvisational crazy-piecing as well as foundation piecing. Julia stayed with us every step of the way and was available to answer questions and give encouragement. Everyone enjoyed the workshop far more than expected. Sally Mirault

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.

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.

GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2020/2021

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 – Barbara Eikmeier, 'traditional' quilter & applique artist
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.

Thank you to Anna Elefant for taking pictures of the quilts at the February Show and Tell. Keep up the beautiful work. You all are amazing.



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

IMPORTANT NOTE

If you receive emails from ALAMEDA GUILD it is not our guild. Do not open, it could be malware. AQG 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 Young (heyoun@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/>

Our community outreach partners at EBCLO/ Roxanne Rommel and Sutter Home Vets/Nancy Gayles have been invited to AQG April 8 zoom meeting to share with members stories of their clients receiving our quilt gifts.

OPEN SEW

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

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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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OUTREACH REPORT

This is an email Jeanne Heffernan received from one of our Outreach partners.

From: Roxanne Romell

Date: March 2, 2021 at 8:30:52 AM PST

To: Jeanne Heffernan (AQG Outreach Chair)

Subject: more comments about the quilt and pillowcases

--Honestly EVERY single kiddo I have taken a pillow case to has lit up with excitement. Yesterday, I took pillow cases to a 3 sib set of little girls- they wrapped their baby dolls in the pillow cases and put them to bed. Then they used the pillow cases to cover Aubrey and put her to bed too! Aubrey complied sleeping peacefully as we talked

-- I visited a one-month-old baby with her grandmother today. And I gave them a quilt and a burb cloth. They were thrilled. grandma said it was her "first quilt" and was so happy to have it.

--I came into the office before Christmas and looked through all of the quilts for a sibling group of 4 kids, ranging in age from 2-13, 2 boys/2 girls.

I tried my best to pick quilts that matched the personalities of the kids. A little bit of luck was involved, but somehow, I guessed right.

I got a lovely thank you after dropping off gifts, books and the quilts, with a special thank you for the quilts, saying each child loved their "personalized" special blanket and treasured it.

So...THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE LOVE AND SKILL OF THE AMZING QUILT ARTISTS!

Roxanne Romell

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Drop your bag of unwanted clothing in the recycling box at your local store. All textiles are welcome - any brand, any condition - even odd socks, worn-out T-shirts and old sheets. The textiles are sent to the nearest recycling plant, where they're sorted by hand. For every bag of textiles you drop off, you'll receive a discount card for 15% off your next in-store purchase.

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