



THE BRIDGE

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our holiday celebration month!

There's lots to celebrate this month. We are again meeting in person and enjoying each other's company. I can't tell you how many people have told me how much they missed this.

I don't think I am alone in my love of retreats. We can celebrate having just had a fun, successful retreat. I want to thank the retreat organizer Carole King and the person who made all our goodies for the retreat, Leslie Sorenson and her crew. I am so ready to sign up for the next one! Hope you will join me. Be on the lookout for registration info coming soon.

We can also celebrate our committed board members in the Yellow Rose ceremony at this month's meeting. All of them will be returning in 2022, they have been steadfast in this second year of the pandemic. We are so fortunate to have such members working behind the scenes to make sure our guild continues to thrive.

We will also celebrate the holidays with our annual get together. It will not be a potluck this year due to the pandemic. But there will still be holiday crackers filled with sewing goodies and of course some food goodie bags. We will also celebrate by viewing the donation quilts and projects at a show & tell. Don't forget to bring in your donation items, quilts, joy bundles, pillowcases and fidget quilts at the beginning of our meeting.

Finally, I celebrate you, my quilting sisters. May the new year bring you nothing but happiness, health and many celebrations...
Terry

Upcoming Dates

Dec 9 7:00 pm	Holiday Get Together at Trinity - Bring a fat quarter for the Right Left game
Jan 13 7:00 pm	Zoom meeting - Trudy Cleveland

DECEMBER 9 - HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER

We will enjoy each other's company and make our bi-annual presentation of Outreach projects. Jorge DePaz, Sutter Home Hospice representative, along with Roxanne Romell, Esq. from East Bay Children's Law Office for Alameda County Foster Care, and Ginny Krutilek for Midway Shelter will attend. They will receive quilts, pillowcases, and joy bundles lovingly created by our membership.

IN PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

We are excited to be meeting in person again! But we also want to be safe.

Masks are required for indoor meetings at Trinity and we will be checking for proof of vaccination at the door. Please be prepared and make everyone's job easier.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 70 members. Membership renewal is ongoing. Dues are \$50.00 annually. We are also mandating vaccinations for our meetings. You can bring a copy to the next meeting or send it digitally. A membership application is only necessary if you have changes to your information. Please check the member list on the website. Please contact me with any questions.

Stay safe, Carole King, 510 522 6601

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Linda Ganfield, Paula Casteen, Anna Elefant, Li Volin, Lu Burton, Betsey Murray, Carroll Stephens, Dora Calhoun

AQG IN THE PARK

Your new co-ordinators are Sally Mirault and Dorothy Kerwin.

Our Park meetings will pause for November and December. We'll resume in January - weather permitting. If you have suggestions for themes or activities, let us know. Happy Holidays.

Dorothy Kerwin, kerwindorothy@gmail.com

SEW 'N CHAT

There will be no December meeting. Look for us again in January. You can log on and we will sew together. We unmute so we can chat just as if we were in person. This is another way to be social and productive. Marie Dunford will send out a link, look for it.

PLACEMATS

Peri Drake from Alameda Meals on Wheels was on hand at the November meeting to receive the 296 placemats created by AQG members. They will be distributed with the delivered meals. She remarked on the Guild's generosity and extended her whole-hearted gratitude.

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

Thanks to all of you for your participation this year. We would love to see finished projects with the blocks you have won. (no pressure!) Carole King won the 'Starboard' blocks from November.

A new block will be available in January. Suzanne Duran and Joy Beireis-Molnar

WORKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for members to present a workshop in 2022. Think of something you'd like to share with others. Maybe two of you together could inspire the rest of us. Respond to Terry Hodges, terryhodges@aol.com

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

A new friendship group has formed. It will meet on the 1st Thursday, 2pm - 4:30pm, contact Dorothy Kerwin, kerwindorothy@gmail.com

You do not need to have a "good housekeeping seal of approval" to host a friendship group. Most of us have dust bunnies, too much stuff, and messy sewing spaces (translate as 'creative'). We do not judge. It is just fun to get together.

In January the following friendship groups will have openings. If you would like to join one, email Terry with which one you are interested in. It's first come, first served.

- Threaders- 1st Tuesday is full
- TBD - 1st Thursday 2- 4:30pm - 3 openings, they do machine work
- PieceMakers - 4th Tuesday at 10am is full. They do hand work only.
- No Name - 4th Thursday is full

We will let you know if any spaces open up in these groups in the future.

If you are interested in starting another group at another time (other than those times listed above), contact Terry Hodges, terryhodges@aol.com

NEW EVENT – A JELLY ROLL RACE

We will have a jelly roll race at the January Sew 'N Chat. Pick out your favorite jelly roll or cut 42 - 2 ½" strips to be ready for the race. There will be a prize for the winner. We are hoping you will donate your quilt to our Outreach program. Stay tuned for more info...

A Jelly Roll Race Quilt produces a quilt top that is approximately 50" x 64". It uses one 40 strip Jelly Roll Fabric collection, sewn into a single, super long strip, that is then folded in half and sewn together along one edge. You cut the folded edge open and then repeat for a total of 5 seams.

There are many videos available on YouTube - they're fun to watch and get ideas.

OUTREACH

We have pillowcase kits and fidget kits (3) as well as quilt labels available. 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>

I have batting, muslin, and flannel available for making place mats. If you're making joy bundles, please remember to attach a ribbon to tie the bundle.

Any members who wish kits or labels can contact either Helene Young (heyoung@earthlink.net) or Jeanne Heffernan, 510 263-8085 or jmh8346@sbcglobal.net to request.

PICTURES FROM 2021 RETREAT



The rooms are private with hand made quilts, armoires, desks, and sinks.



Joy Bundles looking for a home



Guild members hard at work!





2021 RETREAT UPDATE

2021 Retreat. We had a great time and many beautiful projects were completed.
Carole King, 510 522 6601

2022 RETREAT UPDATE - AQG Retreat April 25 - 29, 2022

Our next retreat will be in April which is actually quite soon!

I need to get a \$100 deposit by the end of January if you would like to attend. It will be at Mercy Center, in Auburn, where some of us just had our 2020 retreat, a bit late thanks to COVID!

So, now the next one is just a few months away. Ask anyone who has attended and I am sure they will tell you it was Great.

The price is \$440, which includes your own private room, with a washbasin, desk, chair and bed. The rest rooms and showers are communal, but very clean, and not at all difficult to get to during the night. You get Dinner on Monday, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Breakfast on Friday. I heard absolutely no complaints about the food!

I hope you are as excited about this get away as I am and that you will send me your deposit, or bring it to the December meeting. My address for sending it in the mail is 6 Eclipse Ct, Alameda 94501. I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks, Laraine Salmon

QUILT JOURNEY

Many of you have been quilting for a long time and we would love to see some of your work. Basically you would be doing a mini trunk show and talking about your personal quilt journey.

Contact terrychodges@aol.com if you can volunteer or you can nominate someone in the guild you know has an interesting journey to share.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Let us know how our members are doing. Tell us about accomplishments, challenges, good news, or bad news.

Send to kerwindorothy@gmail.com

GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2021

December 9 7 pm Trinity - Holiday Party and Donation Event

Vaccination or a negative COVID test (within 72 hours) is necessary

ALAMEDA QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING AGENDA FOR 2022

Jan. 13 Speaker (Zoom) Trudy Cleveland "Shoot Your Quilt" - Tips for taking pictures

Feb. 10 Auction

Mar. 10 Speaker (Zoom) Judy Davis "History and Mystery of Baltimore Quilts"

Apr. 14 Book & Pattern Exchange

Extended Show & Tell

May 12 Guild Birthday Celebration Tea Party

Round Table "How are we doing?"

Kiss It Good-Bye

Jun. 9 Speaker Linda Schmidt "Down & Dirty Designs and Terrific Tips"

Jul. 14 Game Night

Outreach Donation Night

Aug. 11 Four Holiday Gift Demos

Sep. 8 Speaker TBD or Show & Tell

Oct. 13 Four Technique Demos

Nov. 10 Two Quilt Journeys Eileen Carlin-Goldberg and Joann Stewart

Dec. 8 Holiday Potluck

Outreach Donation Night

Board Induction

THE SHARE 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.

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.

EVENTS

2022 Quilter Tour: On the Road to California Jan 13 – 21, 2022

San Francisco, CA

<https://www.wetravel.com/trips/2022-on-the-road-to-california-deb-roberts-tours-san-francisco-06712582>

Join us on the ultimate Road Trip. It will be a week for quilt themed fun and adventures as we travel along the breathtaking California coast on our Road to California Tour. We will begin our tour in San Francisco and work our way down the beautiful California Coast to the fabulous Road to California Quilter's Conference & Showcase. 'Road', as the show is affectionately called is one of America's top quilt shows and the premier quilt show west of the Rocky Mountains.

Join us for San Francisco sights, wine tasting in California's exceptional wine country, quilt shop stops, a scenic journey down US Highway 1, a tour of Hollywood and Beverly Hills and so much more. This is one tour to Road that will give you a wonderful opportunity to see some of what California is famous for.

EBHQ - CRANEWAY PAVILION Saturday, March 26, 2022 10-5; Sunday, March 27 10-4

2021 AFFILIATES

The Sewing Room, 2434 Webb Ave	510 332 9002	thesewingroomalameda.com
Broadway Quilts, 20525 Broadway, Sonoma 95476	707 938-7312	www.broadwayquilts.com
New Pieces, 766 Gilman St., Berkeley 94710	510 527 6779	www.newpieces.com
The Recrafting Company 2449 Santa Clara	510 263 0249	www.therecraftingco.com
The Cotton Patch, 1025 Brown Ave, Lafayette 94549	925 284-1177	www.quiltusa.com

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

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