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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the year is ending and for me it is the end of my three-year term as President (one year extra due to COVID).

It was a challenging time, but with the help of your wonderful board (none of whom left the board for those three years), we managed to keep our guild viable and with the highest membership we have ever had. We are 75 members strong! I want to personally thank all our board members for their hard work, especially during COVID, where half the time we didn't really know what we were doing (learning Zoom was an experience). But we persevered and our guild made it through. We even had a major event, our Quilt Walk during COVID, not bad for lock-down time.

It has been an honor to represent this guild and I shall always look upon this time with happiness. I'm really not going anywhere; I will still be doing workshops and events for the guild. You are in good hands with Sally Mirault and her President-Elect Linda Ganfield this coming year and I know they will do a great job.

Don't forget to bring your potluck item, your fat quarter and your donation projects to our December 8th meeting. See you there...

May you and your loved ones enjoy all the happiness this season can hold. Terry Hodges

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, Dec 8	7pm Holiday Party / Donation Day At Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Saturday, Dec 17	Sew 'N Chat on Zoom

There will be no Open Sew or AQG in the Park this month. Enjoy time with your loved ones.

Coming! Retreat 2023 will be May 1 - 5. Mark your calendar.

GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Our annual holiday party! Members with last names A to L are asked to bring a sweet item. Members with last names M to Z are asked to bring a savory item. This is one of the highlight events of our year. Mark your calendar now. Also bring a fat quarter.

Bring your calendars and checkbooks. Since January is a Zoom meeting, December will be the time to sign up for workshops and the 2023 challenge.

It is also our Outreach Donation Day. Bring your quilts, pillowcases, and/or joy bundles for distribution to our supported agencies. Be sure quilts and joy bundles have a label. And be sure joy bundles have a ribbon tie. Thank you all for your generosity.

MEMBERSHIP

We end the year with 73 members and 2 affiliates. Welcome new member Allison Plambeck.

Renewals continue, \$50.00 for the year. Please check the member information and let me know if there are any corrections. Carole King, king.carole@gmail.com

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, Carroll Stephens

SEW 'N CHAT – OOPS!

My apologies for missing the November Sew 'N Chat. I am responsible for the e-mail notice with the link and for opening the meeting at the appropriate time. I managed to space on both.

I will try very hard for this not to happen again – but if it does, please call me directly.

Dorothy Kerwin kerwindorothy@gmail.com

510 769-9159, 510 872-3620 (text)

ZOOM REMINDERS

The link for Sew 'N Chat will be sent out the previous Thursday. Zoom regularly updates its desktop and mobile app, be sure you have updated to the latest version.

There is open audio for Sew 'N Chat. Please be aware of background noise- TV, radio, cell phone, dogs, cats, etc. It may not sound loud to you - but the rest of us can hear it.

SEW 'N CHAT – DECEMBER

Our Zoom gathering will be December 17 at 1 pm. I'll send out a link on Thursday, December 15.

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

This activity will resume in January.

AQG OPEN SEW

There will be no Open Sew in December.

AQG IN THE PARK

There will be no AQG in the Park in December.

Join us again in January for friends, show 'n tell, and kiss-it-goodbye.

2023 JELLY ROLL RACE

Join us in January for our Jelly Roll Jam Race. See the instructions here and you can also pick up instructions at the Guild meetings. You need to prep 30 blocks for January, so start now and join in the fun! There will be prizes. This will make a great donation quilt.

If you have questions you can contact Terry Hodges, terryhodges@aol.com



Jelly Roll Jam Quilt Race

For the race on January 21st, a Sew & Chat Day 1 PM

Have ready 30- 10 1/2 x 10 1/2 " blocks. The race is assembling those 30 blocks.
Prizes will be awarded.

What you need: for a 50" x 60" quilt

FABRIC:

40 2 1/2 " strips (one jelly roll); you can also cut your own strips.
Backing 3 1/2 yards
Binding 1/2 yard

PREP:

Sew WOF strips into 8 sets of 5.
Sub-cut into 4- 10 1/2 x 10 1/2 " blocks each, for a total of 32
(only 30 are used).

On the day of the race:

You will sew together the 30 blocks as you see in the diagram.

AQG WORKSHOPS 2023

Thanks to those who have volunteered, we have a full calendar of workshops for next year. If, however, you have a brilliant idea for a future workshop, let us know. Schedules can change.

If you are willing to help the Guild, please contact Terry Hodges. Text: 510 846-8272 or email: terryhodges@aol.com

Workshop schedule for 2023

All workshops are taught at Corica Golf Course, on Saturdays from 10am - 4pm

January 14 - Paper Piecing, Part A – Teacher Terry Hodges, Fee \$10.00



This class is for the beginner, a first - time paper piecer, there will be an intermediate class offered in November. Paper piecing is sewing on paper and fabric and then tearing off the paper. This insures perfect blocks with beautiful points and intersections. This method is great for bias cut pieces such as triangles.

February 11 – Convergence Quilt – Teacher Leslie Sorenson, Fee \$10.00, Time: 10am - 2:30pm



Ricky Tims says, “a Convergence quilt is a quilt that features two or more designs that are cut into strips and then merged together”. Leslie will be demonstrating the basic steps and this will give you a chance to try the techniques and finish your mini quilt at home. There are no rules for Convergence quilts, but there are guidelines. You will all have fun seeing the “magic” as your fabric comes together.

March 11 – Convergence Quilt – Teacher Leslie Sorenson, Fee \$10.00, Time: 10am - 2:30pm

(This is not a two - part class, this class is being taught twice).

See the class description above.

April 15 – Tricks to Making Curves – Teacher: Jennifer Serr – Fee \$10.00



Are curves a challenge for you? This is the class for you. You will learn tips and techniques to get smooth curves.

(Jennifer is the owner of The Sewing Room here in Alameda, see her website for her extensive sewing experience.)

May 13 – Quillow and Mother’s Day Tea – Teacher Terry Hodges, Total fee \$20.00 (\$10.00 + \$10.00 Tea)



Let’s make a quilt in a pillow, a quillow. A lap sized quilt that rolls up into a pillow.

You will need to have an 18” pieced, appliqued or embroidered block ready for class. In the afternoon we will have a small tea party.

June 10 – Pomegranate Flowers Wall Hanging - Teacher Joan Beall, Kit Fee \$20.00 (includes everything you need for class), Book fee \$10.00



This is a workshop featuring Kumiko Sudo’s 15” square wall hanging. It includes shashiko and applique techniques. The kit and book are needed for this class.

July 8 – Holiday Ornament – Teachers Susan Correa & Terry Hodges, Fee \$10.00, Kit fee \$5.00



Celebrate the holidays in July by making this pinecone ornament, it can be made for Thanksgiving, Christmas or Hanukkah. These would make great centerpiece table decorations, place cards or gifts. This is a no sew class. This easy to do project is a great way to spend a summer day.

August 12 – Kawandi, Part 2 – Teacher Jeanne Heffernan – Fee \$5.00



Kawandi quilting is a form of slow and mindful stitching done by the Indian Siddi Women. This is a hand stitched quilt, made from scrap fabric.

September 9 & 10 (Sat. & Sun.) - Sidelights - Teacher Valerie Yeaton, Fee \$30.00 + pattern



Valerie formerly taught at Quilt Fans and since it's closing she has taught at The Cotton Patch and several other stores in the East Bay. This project was designed to showcase a large print or panel. Start with your feature fabric and add a few coordinating pieces to produce a stunning wall hanging, lap quilt, or throw. Finished size is approximately 47" x 63".

October 14 - Donation Sewing Day & Lunch - Facilitator Terry Hodges, Fee - cost of your lunch

Take this day to finish up your quilts, joy bundles, pillowcases or fidget quilts for our Donation Day in December. Enjoy sewing with other members and having lunch with them at Jim's on the Course.

November 11 - Paper Piecing, Part B - Teacher Terry Hodges – Fee \$10.00



This class is for the person who has some experience with paper piecing, or who needs a refresher course. If you are a beginner, you must have taken Terry's Paper Piecing, part A last January. We will be doing blocks that create their own challenges for paper piecers, such as angled pieces and intersecting pieces. This method gives you perfect blocks every time!

OUTREACH

We have pillowcase kits and fidget kits, 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>

If you're making joy bundles, please remember to attach a ribbon to tie the bundle. Our next donation day is the general meeting on December 8.

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.

THANK YOU FROM MEALS ON WHEELS



Peri Drake, Director of Alameda Meals on Wheels, met with Jeanne Heffernan, AQG Outreach at her "office" 516 Willow in the brown tent behind the rehabilitation hospital. She mentioned her client population is stable at 190 clients. The AQG gifting of over 250 placemats this past year is still more than sufficient. However, she did choose 12 placemats and 4 sets of napkins from the holiday boutique.

She promised to reach out to AQG when need presents for additional placemats for clients.

Additionally, she mentioned new efforts to work with

Veterans in a housing project, Operation Dignity. Peri expressed sincerest gratitude for AQG generous gifting. Submitted by Jeanne Heffernan, AQG Outreach Coordinator

2023 Challenge Quilt: Paint Chips!

This year's challenge is paint chips. Terry has prepared envelopes for you. The envelope will contain two paint chips from a local hardware store. Your challenge is to use those two colors from the paint chips, in addition to two neutrals.

We will vote and prizes will be awarded!

Rules:

- Contact Terry Hodges to choose your envelope. She will be at our guild meetings for you to pick it up or you can phone, text, or email her and she will drop off your envelope.
- Use the two colors you chose. You can use solids or prints as long as they represent the color from the paint chip.
- You can add only 2 neutral colors to your project (background counts as 1 neutral).
- The project has to be 18" square, bound and labeled by Nov. 9th at our meeting deadline.
- Use any block pattern, applique pattern, original creation etc. that you would like as long as the colors are represented and the project is quilted.
- No trading of paint chips between members, this is a challenge to get you out of your comfort zone.
- Save your paint chips for the big reveal at the general meeting due on **November 9th**.
- Paint chips must be displayed along with the finished product.

Please let Terry Hodges know if you need anything else. (See the AQG Member Directory for Terry's contact information).

LOCAL RESOURCES

We all bemoan the lack of a fabric store in Alameda – but are you aware of the resources we do have?

Recrafting (an AQG affiliate) has a variety of fabrics and tools. It is a consignment shop, so check back often. 2449 Santa Clara

Needle in a Haystack has threads and needles. It can be tricky to find. Check online and give them a call.

The Sewing Room has fabric and patterns.
2434 Webb

QUILT JOURNEYS

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.

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

If you would like to join one or start a new one, email Terry Hodges. (terryhodges@aol.com)

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

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

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

Send to kerwindorothy@gmail.com

EVENTS

Look for this feature in the New Year.

Send to the newsletter editor -

kerwindorothy@gmail.com

NEWS YOU CAN USE - Long Arm Quilting Services

RoseAnn Minafo of Malcolm Hill Quilts is offering long arm quilting. Call for quotes. She is at 493 Dolores Ave, San Leandro, 415 828-6296, malcolmhillquilts@gmail.com

WEBSITE

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The Sewing Room, 2434 Webb Ave

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thesewingroomalameda.com

The Recrafting Company 2449 Santa Clara

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www.therecraftingco.com

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

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