



# THE BRIDGE

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

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Heart Month!

I was thinking about love this month and it occurred to me that we, as quilters, are lucky we have this hobby we love. Everyday I wake up, I have a project to think about, a new skill to learn, and hours of sewing to look forward to.

What's on my list of what to love this month: Starting the Guild's challenge quilt - Finishing a joy bundle - Learning how to do an inset circle - Finishing my block of the month - Starting my English paper piecing project - Having our Zoom guild meeting - Meeting in the park for our show & tell

In these waning months of the pandemic, it's hard to stay positive. Make your own lists of what you love and your heart will be full. I wish you happy hearts this month.

Terry Hodges

## **Upcoming Dates**

Feb 11: Thursday, 7 pm Guild Zoom Meeting –

My Quilt Journey - Kathleen Fennelly & Alla Blanca

Feb 13: Saturday, Guild Workshop – Julia McLeod

Working with Silk

Feb. 20: Saturday, 1:00 pm Sew 'N Chat

Feb. 23: Tuesday, 2:00 pm Lincoln Park Show & Tell

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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](mailto: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.

## FEBRUARY 11 GUILD GENERAL ZOOM MEETING

Join us for a close up and personal look at two of our quilters. This is a "My Quilt Journey" with Kathleen Fennelly and Alla Blanca. This will be Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 pm.

They will share the ups and downs of their experiences and achievements. Maybe even some helpful hints for the rest of us. It promises to be a fun and educational evening. Watch for the Zoom link.

## ZOOM TIPS

1. If you are using the Zoom app, make sure it is updated before signing into the meeting.
2. To help keep background noise to a minimum, please mute your microphone unless you are speaking.
3. Be mindful of background noise if you are unmuted, such as shuffling papers or clicking a pen on and off.
4. When the speaker begins, please double check that you are muted. This is especially important when the meeting is being recorded.
5. If you are a bit uncomfortable with Zoom, sign on sooner (about 6:45 pm) rather than later (right before 7:00).
6. If you have any questions or problems, contact Marie Dunford: 510-334-3354 or [megdunford@comcast.net](mailto:megdunford@comcast.net) or Jeanne Heffernan: [jmh8346@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmh8346@sbcglobal.net) or Dorothy Kerwin: 510 769-9159 or [kerwindorothy@gmail.com](mailto:kerwindorothy@gmail.com)

## 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. Stay safe. Carole King

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Pat McLaughlin, Rita Virgil, Bonnie Leber, Kathleen Fennelly

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## SEW 'N CHAT

This is a new feature beginning on Saturday, February 20, 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.

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## FEBRUARY 13 GUILD 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](mailto:sallymirault@comcast.net)

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

## BLOCK OF THE MOMENT



This is the January BOM. The kits were sold at Lincoln Park at our Show & Tell meeting. They need to be sewn and returned to Suzanne Duran at our next park meeting on February 23rd. A participant's name will be drawn to win the houses & tree blocks.

The February BOM is 'Disappearing Hourglass'. It will be available at the Lincoln Park meeting, February 23. Be early, the January block sold out!  
Thanks, Suzanne Duran

## AQG 2021 CHALLENGE

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 28<sup>th</sup>. Happy Quilting.

## GARMENT COLLECTING - BE A FASHION RECYCLER – H & M

The Garment Collection Program is a global initiative where H&M set out for a sustainable fashion future.

**Rewear:** clothing that can be worn again is marketed worldwide as second hand goods.

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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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## 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.

## SHOW & TELL AT LINCOLN PARK – JANUARY 21

Thanks to Ruth Hunter, Laraine Salmon, Rita Virgil, Heidi Schultz, Helene Young, Debbie Manchester, Jean Wolslegel, Kathleen Fennelly, Sally Mirault, Leslie Sorenson, and Barbara Stuber. You are an inspiration to the rest of us!





## GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2020/2021

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| 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:heyoun@earthlink.net)) or Jeanne Heffernan ([jmh8346@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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/>

It can be fun to find a use for fabrics you've had around for a while. (ed. – I know, I'm the only one with that problem!)

## OPEN SEW

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

## 2021 AFFILIATES

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Broadway Quilts, 20525 Broadway, Sonoma 95476

707 938-7312 [www.broadwayquilts.com](http://www.broadwayquilts.com)

New Pieces, 766 Gilman St., Berkeley 94710

510 527 6779 [www.newpieces.com](http://www.newpieces.com)

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

## WEBSITE

You can submit photos to [alamedaquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto: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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## Reflections from our Outreach Coordinator

Jeanne Heffernan 12-11-20

Once again, AQG gave an outpouring of hand-crafted gifts. Just as the light of a painted sky and brilliant sun reflects on the water so too is your generous kindness and compassion interlaced in the quilting of JOY bundles, pillowcases and quilts from the wellspring of each of your hearts.

When the organization contact comes to receive their 'gifts' there is always a pause as they embrace the moment and are awed by the array of colors and stacked quilts and pillowcases. This brief experience sometimes overwhelms them. They take their gaze quietly to express without words 'thank you'.

This year was no different for Roxanne Romell, EBCLC for foster children; Brent Adams for Sutter Care at Home Veterans; and Ginny Krutilek for Midway Shelter as they saw their gift 'stash' from AQG. A quiet 'sigh' is next, followed quickly by gleeful expressions of thanks and appreciation: "WOW!...and look at the colors! What beautiful works of art!"

There is an abundance of gratitude which feels like a thunderous filled auditorium applause for each and every AQG member. Our 'little' AQG is pretty awesome and a productive and truly open-hearted giving community.

So, your scissors and rotary cutters and rippers and needles and machines that sewed for days, weeks and months now have benefitted and honored and loved a Veteran, a child, a woman in need of hope and encouragement.

Know that you bring JOY and HOPE and happy tears and GRATITUDE to so many.

### Tally for AQG 2020 Outreach Donations

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|------------------------|-----|
| Quilts:                | 80  |
| Joy Bundles:           | 140 |
| Pillowcases:           | 294 |
| Patriot fidget quilts: | 8   |
| Patriot pillowcases:   | 44  |