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Carole King (2021)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Welcome to beautiful May!

I love this month, May day where we exchanged flowers and made tussie-mussies, May poles I danced around as a child. Many of these traditions are gone, but I remember them fondly. Ways of doing things that are in the past. I've been thinking about the past as we discuss how the guild will function next year.

No doubt Zoom saved us this year as more of us learned to be comfortable online. Most of us go online to view YouTube videos and learn new quilting techniques, take classes and visit quilt stores.

But what is the function of a guild? The way I see it and the reason I belong to a guild is in our mission statement to: Make friends. Share what we know. Learn from each other.

Make friends. There is nothing like seeing other quilters in person and maybe giving them a hug. Meeting new members or members that you don't know very well and getting to know them better. Meeting people makes you feel good.

Share what we know. Our guild is VERY fond of show & tell. Sharing our projects, our trials with them, our successes with them, and what we learned from them. Watching other quilters touch and comment on your work or give you kudos or encouragement about them as they look closely at them, makes you feel good.

Learn from each other. Attending a meeting, a guild retreat, or open sew and getting help on a problem project or help with how to put a block together. Having members help you with a block layout and telling you what does or doesn't look right, makes you feel good.

It's the human interaction that is what makes a guild special and what makes you feel good. That's what a guild is for... Hope to see you in person soon... Terry Hodges

Upcoming Dates

May 13	7pm Monthly Zoom meeting
May 15	1pm – 2:30pm Zoom Sew 'N Chat
May 27	2pm Meet at Lincoln Park – Share 'star' quilts

MAY 13 ZOOM GUILD GENERAL MEETING - "It's All in the Sashings!"

Our May speaker is Barbara Eikmeier. Do you have a set of blocks that you just can't decide what to do with? Join me as I share a series of quilts and tops that feature blocks set with sashings and cornerstones.

Some are simple and others are more involved with secondary designs created within the sashings and cornerstones. See side by side examples of the same setting and study how different they look based on the blocks and fabric choices.

Features approximately 25 quilts and tops in a mix of styles including appliqué and pieced quilts.

ZOOM TIPS - The Zoom link for the May meeting will be sent to you via email on Tuesday, May 11.

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
- 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

If you have questions or problems, contact:

Marie Dunford: 510-334-3354 or megdunford@comcast.net Jeanne Heffernan: jmh8346@sbcglobal.net

Dorothy Kerwin: 510 769-9159 or kerwindorothy@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 65 members. 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 AQG.

Stay safe. Carole King

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

May Kiara, Terry Hodges, Nancy Bloom, Leslie Sorenson, Marcy Pauline

Thank you to all who supported the guild by 'shopping' and donating at Lorraine Heering's Stash Giveaway. Send photos of your projects using her fabric to this newsletter. We will forward them to the family

SEW 'N CHAT

We will meet (virtually) on Saturday, May 15, 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.

AQG IN THE PARK – MAY 27

Bring a quilt with stars to share.

Bring your completed BOM (from April). The next BOM will be sold for \$2.00

SURVEY QUESTION

We received 5 answers this month. Two wanted to alternate retreat venues, two were happy with Mercy, and one was interested in more meal choices.

The question for this month is:

What is your favorite block? Or what is the main color of your stash? You choose..

Send responses 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.

Photos are due May 28th. Send to Dorothy Kerwin, kerwindorothy@gmail.com Happy Quilting.

Voting for the challenge quilts will be by email. Look for the notice after May 28.

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT



The winner of the basket blocks, April's BOM, was Susan Correa.



May's BOM is the Black Eyed Susan block, prepared by Joy Beireis-Molnar, our new co-chair. It needs to be sewn & returned at the park meeting on May 27th to be entered into the drawing. Suzanne Duran, BOM co-chair

GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2020/2021

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| May 13 | 7 pm Zoom Meeting – Barbara Eikmeier, “It’s All in the Sashing” |
| June 10 | 7 pm Zoom Meeting – Jean Impey – “Spiderweb Quilts” |
| July 8 | 7 pm Trinity * - Donation Day. Birthday/Welcome Back Celebration |
| 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.

2021 RETREAT UPDATE

Our 2021 retreat will be at Mercy, 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 a sign up after the contract is finalized. If you want a refund, let me know. We know that sometimes life happens and you may have to cancel, if so, contact me.

Questions, Carole King 510 522 6601.

2022 RETREAT UPDATE

Our 2022 retreat will be April 25-29, 2022 at the Mercy Retreat Center, Auburn.
Laraine Salmon is the chair.

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

It's time to begin the ornament exchange. I will draft a sign up sheet for those interested and people can email me directly at Joy@csudsu.com to sign up and I will add you to the list. The sign up will close in September as those that sign up will be making multiple items so that each participant can have one of each ornament. The ornament exchange will be in December at the general meeting.

The rules: make a handmade ornament of any type for each person that signs up. There will be a bag to place the ornament in for each person that signs up. It is a fun activity that puts your creativity to work and puts a smile on faces of those that receive your gift. Joy Beireis-Molnar

FLORAL SHOW AND TELL AT THE PARK

Thanks to all who shared – you inspire us.





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

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/>

OPEN SEW

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

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 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.

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

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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