



# THE BRIDGE

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

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## **President's Message**

Happy Holidays, everyone!

Well, does anyone besides me feel happy about kissing 2020 goodbye? We made it through this year as a guild still intact. We are still meeting every month, we have a list of great speakers for 2021, and a fun workshop in February to look forward to. We've all learned Zoom and if you haven't, reach out to another member to help you get set up for the new year, you don't want to miss our upcoming speakers.

Please remember you have to be a member to access the meetings next year and they will not be recorded since most of our speakers don't allow that. You can renew or join on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> or mail your dues to Carole King at our post office box.

December 10<sup>th</sup> is our donation day and we know it takes a village to run a guild. I would like to thank all those who contributed to your goodie bag. Carol Bernard, Lu Burton, Suzanne Duran, Jeanne Heffernan, Dorothy Kerwin, Sally Mirault, Marcy Pauline, Laraine Salmon, and Leslie Sorenson. Thanks to all of you for your time and talent.

We are very lucky to have a guild of such great people, it's a blessing and with that thought in mind I wish you all a month of happy events and celebrations. Enjoy the season!

Stay warm and healthy, Terry Hodges

## **Upcoming Dates**

Dec. 10: 1 pm – 4 pm, Donations drop-off, goodie bag pickup.

Pay 2021 dues, sign up for the retreat. Turn in BOM, buy next BOM. Secret Pal reveal at 1:30 pm.

Jan 14: 7 pm Guild Zoom Meeting – Amy Friend

Jan 21: 2 pm, Meet 'n Greet, Lincoln Park

Jan 26: 10 am – 3 pm Open Sew at Trinity

Feb 11: 7 pm Guild Zoom Meeting –

Kathleen Fennelly & Alla Blanca

Feb 13: Guild Workshop – Julia McLeod

## DECEMBER 10 DONATION DROP – OFF

Donation day is Dec. 10th from 1 pm – 4 pm.

This will be in Jeanne Heffernan's garage. She's at 1212 Porta Ballena, 510 263-8085

Please drop off your donation items, quilts, joy bundles, fidget quilts, and pillowcases.

Renew your membership. Give a gift membership. BOM can be dropped off and you can purchase the next one. Retreat sign ups can be done. Secret pals will be revealed at 1:30.

Pick up your goodie bag. If you can't attend, ask another member to pick up your goodie bag. The goodie bag will contain info and the pattern for the 2021 challenge.

*Be considerate of others, remember your mask and be sure to social distance.*

## MEMBERSHIP

35 members have so far renewed. 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 next April, you must be a member of AQG.

Stay safe. Carole King

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## 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, Jeanne Kettles, Carroll Stephens

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## BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

The current block is "Sweetheart". It is still available from Barbara Stuber, 510 523-7076. The completed blocks will be collected at the December drop-off. There will be 4 'winners' so that the blocks can be used in smaller projects.

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## JANUARY 14 ZOOM MEETING

Our speaker will be Amy Friend whose subject will be "Intentional Piecing", using fussy cutting in quilt design. She is a former museum curator who currently spends her days designing, quilting and sewing. Piecing with intention is all about taking the time to think about how the cut of your fabric will end up appearing in your quilt top or project once the piecing is complete.

n.b. The January meeting would normally be our birthday celebration – 5 years now! Because of social distancing, we are postponing the meeting until mid-year.

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## FEBRUARY 13 ZOOM 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. Thank you.

## **GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2020/2021**

- December 10 Outreach Donations drop off & Goodie Bags (you don't want to miss this!)
- January 14 7 pm Zoom Meeting - Guest Speaker Amy Friend - "Intentional Piecing"
- 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.

## **GUILD WORKSHOPS FOR 2021**

- February 13 Julia McLeod – Basics of Working with Silk. \$30. Contact Sally Mirault to sign up.

## **SEW 'N CHAT**

This is a new feature starting in January. AQG will host a Zoom event on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month from 1 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. Look for more info in the January Newsletter.

## **2021 RETREAT UPDATE**

The 2021 retreat is at Mercy Retreat Center on April 19-23, 2021. If you know those dates do not work for you and need a refund, contact me. 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. All of the cancellation dates for next year still have to be worked out.

We have openings for the retreat. The cost is \$420 and we will be doing sign ups at the December donations drop off. You will need to pay the full amount and complete the form that will be on the Web page. It will be on a first come basis and you can bring money and the form for one other person. We will receive the contract in December, so will have more details then.

Questions, contact me, Carole King 510 522 6601.

## **BOARD VACANCY – PROGRAM CHAIR**

The duties are to set up the next year's (2022) program speakers for our meetings, be our Northern California Quilt Guild (NCQC) representative, and attend the AQG board meetings. The program decisions start to be made each summer for the next year. NCQC is holding virtual meetings, they are a source for speakers and workshops available for meetings. Laraine (current chair) has a file of speakers and will work with the new Program Chair whenever needed throughout the year. This important position connects us with the greater quilting community. Think about it!

## CLASSIFIED ADS

A new feature for those wishing to sell items.  
This is for members only.  
Items should be priced at \$25 and up.  
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

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**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 or Jeanne to request.

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Thank you to all who made our November meeting a success. Thanks to Marie Dunford for her expertise in organizing the photos into a colorful presentation. Our Guild motto, "Make Friends, Share What You Know, Learn From Each Other" came to life with this informative show. It was recorded and is on the website. Presenters were Carol Bernard, Alla Blanca, Susan Correa, Marie Dunford, Suzanne Duran, Sharon Flores, Linda Ganfield, Jeanne Heffernan, Terry Hodges, Carole King, Betsy Murray, Marcy Pauline, Laraine Salmon, Leslie Sorenson, Stephanie Timmerman, Rita Virgil, Jean Wolslegel, Valerie Yeaton, Helene Young.

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The Recrafting Company, 2449 Santa Clara Ave, (510) 263-0249 [info@therecraftingcom.com](mailto:info@therecraftingcom.com)  
Broadway Quilts, 20525 Broadway, Sonoma 95476, (707) 938-7312 [www.broadwayquilts.com](http://www.broadwayquilts.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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