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Share what we know.
Learn from each other.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Welcome to Fall...

As a former school teacher, this month has always signaled Fall, a time of change. Routines change, weather changes, your choice of clothing changes, what we quilt changes.

In thinking about the Guild, we have had a lot of change this last year. Going completely to Zoom, meeting in a park and having drive through donation days. Your guild board meets in my backyard!

But through it all the guild has survived, more than survived, thrived. Our membership has stayed stable, which cannot be said of other guilds. Our donations are up and we have increased what and to whom we donate. We have enjoyed speakers from distant places, something we never could do before, and through our park meetings we continue to share our work with each other.

We have even instituted a community wide event, the Urban Quilt Block Trail! Since we couldn't meet last month, please send the picture of the card advertising our event that was sent in a blast to you, to your friends. Travel the trail yourself and perhaps we shall meet up...

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." George Bernard Shaw.

Happy September...Terry

An administrative note: There will be a vote at the September meeting to fill the position of President Elect. Sally Mirault has volunteered to run for the position

Upcoming Dates

Sep 9	7:00pm Zoom General Meeting
Sep 18	1:00pm – 2:30pm Sew 'N Chat
Sep 21	Board Meeting
Sep 30	2:00pm Meet in the Park, Lincoln Park

The ornament exchange has been cancelled. Thanks to Joy Beireis-Molnar for her efforts.

SEPTEMBER 9 – ZOOM MEETING WITH LINDA WAGNER

Linda Wagner is the September speaker. Linda has been making quilts for over 35 years and teaching quilting for over 25 years and her personal interests gravitate to scrappy quilts. Presently Linda is a lead mechanic with United Airlines. Linda's favorite part of guild is show and tell. Many of her quilts contain 100-400 fabrics. Friends describe her approach to color as fearless.

Her presentation is called 'Edgy' and will give us a variety of ways to look at Quilt Borders and how they can enhance and be the final beautifying step in completing our quilts.

ZOOM

The September monthly meeting will take place via Zoom on September 9 at 7:00 p.m. The link will be sent out via email on September 7. Please remember to mute if you are not speaking. Background noise of any kind is distracting for both the presenter and those listening.

Sew N Chat continues on Zoom. You will receive a Zoom link 1-2 days before the scheduled meeting.

If you haven't already done so, the video and handouts for the August 2021 meeting are available for viewing on the Alameda Quilt Guild website. Sign into the members only section. To view the video, click on the link. You will need to type in the Access Passcode: 3uzYv^4P

Note: a small part of Terry's presentation is missing because there was a delay in the start of the recording. To print the instructions, click on the pdf and print. Do not download onto your desktop.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact Marie Dunford at megdunford@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new members Alexis Roizen and Pauline Marx. Alexis found us from someone on Nextdoor and Pauline heard about us at Mastick. We are currently at 67 members.

Please contact me with any questions. Stay safe, Carole King 510 522 6601

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

Reach out and send good wishes to our sister quilters with birthdays this month!
Carol Cislowski, Rachelle King, Suzanne Di'Lillo, Kate Murphy, Dorothy Kerwin

SEW 'N CHAT

We will meet (virtually) on Saturday, September 18, 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 Dunford will send out a link, look for it.

PLACEMATS

This challenge has proved very popular. Some members have made more than one (or two) of these quick projects. They can be oval or rectangular with binding or not, about 13" x 18". They should be reversible, with possibly a holiday (your choice) theme on one side.

They will be gifted to Meals on Wheels in early November. Anyone who needs fabric, please contact the Outreach Coordinator, Jeanne Heffernan at 510-263-8085 or email jmh8346@sbcglobal.net

URBAN QUILT BLOCK TRAIL PROJECT



18 quilt blocks are on display for the month of September. Terry Hodges has made postcards to distribute to friends and businesses to publicize the event. There will be a map of locations on our website. It is possible that the blocks will move to other venues for the month of October.

If you have an idea for where they can be displayed, please let a board member know. We hope to get our guild some publicity from this. We need your help, so volunteer!

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT



The July/Aug BOM needs to be completed & returned at the September 30th meeting in Lincoln Park at 2pm.

The September/October BOM will be returned in October. This block is called Starboard and is from The Quilt Block Cookbook by Amy Gibson.

Suzanne Duran Co- chair BOM



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

Is anyone interested in starting a Friendship group for the coming year? We have one the first Tuesday of the month at 1pm and another hand work group on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10am. There is also one the 4th Thursday of the month at 6pm. Please contact Terry at terrychodges@aol.com if you would like to start one.

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

Our condolences to Linda Ganfield on the death of her mother. May all your memories be happy. Congratulations to Heidi Schultz on being a new grandmother. It is way fun!
If you have items for this category, send to kerwindorothy@gmail.com

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

The San Francisco Quilters Guild is offering our Guild members the opportunity to register for two upcoming workshops beginning September 12th.

Brenda Gael Smith, originally from New Zealand, is teaching two (2) workshops on November 13 and 14. Individuals may sign up for one or both (each separately). Pricing is for each 3-hour program: Non-SF guild member pricing is \$40 / SF guild members are \$35. Suitable for all skill levels, these workshops are live/virtual from Australia from 2PM - 5 PM, PDT, each day.

Gail's teaching focuses on freeform piecing, effective design and the use of colour - to promote fun and encourage creative momentum. Below are descriptions as well as links to each program. The workshops are...

[Line Dancing](#) - Nov 13th

<https://www.sfquiltersguild.org/event/line-dancing-workshop-with-brenda-gael-smith/>

Learn versatile methods of piecing expressive fine lines and undertake improvisational design exercises to create small compositions, which of course can be expanded into larger quilts.

[Geometricks](#) - Nov 14th

<https://www.sfquiltersguild.org/event/line-dancing-workshop-with-brenda-gael-smith/>

Learn tips & techniques for creating geometric shapes with freeform piecing: triangles, quadrilaterals and hexagons. Explore the design possibilities of repeating motifs and learn how to join irregular blocks.

Each link includes images for the classes. If you would like an image to use for publication, I have originals that can be emailed to you, and/or you can pull from the website. Registration will be open for non-guild members on September 12th and each class is limited to 20 registrants.

If you have any questions, my contact info is below. Thank you for your interest and happy sewing, quilting and creating!

Cheers, Sam S.T. Sam McIlraith 415.385.7476 hiketobird@gmail.com

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 (heyoun@earthlink.net) or Jeanne Heffernan, 510 263-8085 or jmh8346@sbcglobal.net to request.

NEW EVENT – A JELLY ROLL RACE

We are having a jelly roll race at the January Sew 'N Chat. Pick out your favorite jelly roll or cut 42 - 2 1/2" 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.

GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2021

September 9 7 pm Zoom* - 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

The dates are Monday, November 15 through Friday, November 19. The cost has increased \$20.00. Please send the money to Carole King or bring it to the next in person meeting. The form can be found on AQQ web. There are two slots available.

If you have never been to a retreat, this is a great place to start. You have your own room with a sink. The toilets and showers are shared, but not inconvenient. The food is good and made and cleaned up by someone else!! The sewing room has lots of space and you can sew all day. Some of us sew early and some of us sew late into the night. For newer members, it is a great way to become familiar with other members. Little presents are always a fun surprise.

At this time Mercy Center Auburn is requiring that anyone coming on campus be vaccinated. This policy may or may not change by November.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call me. 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. Be sure to put this on your calendar.

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.

The Shelter Cove Arts and Recreation Foundation (SCARF) will be holding our 8th annual Outdoor/Indoor Quilt Show – The Labor of Love Quilt Show is on September 4, 2021 during the Labor Day Weekend.

Quilters Harvest Hop September 16-18

Join 11 of Northern California's premiere quilt shops. Quiltersharvesthop.net

VIRTUAL SHOWS

Carquinez Strait Stitchers invites you to a Virtual Quilt Show. Please go to our website: cssquilter.org to enjoy our show. Be sure to view our Opportunity Quilt.

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.

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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A big thank you from the guild to all the members who made a block for our Urban Quilt Trail. It takes a village to make a successful guild run and these ladies are a good example of that. Here are only some of the members who participated.



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Saturday, September 18, 2021

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Proceeds support the ongoing activities and Community Outreach projects of the

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Contact one of the following people for more information:

Pauline O'Connell (925) 323-5550 or Maryann Maiorana (925) 918-1259