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

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President's Message

Hi Ladies,

Welcome to National Quilting Month! I was thinking this morning about how much happiness quilting has added to my life. I've made new friends, gone on quilting trips with friends, made myself happier on days I was not so happy by sitting in my sewing room and quilting not only for myself but for others.

But most of all helping to start this guild has made me happiest of all! Watching you all enjoy each other's company and learning new things at meetings puts me in a very happy place indeed.

So celebrate your own happiness with quilting this month and come and see Linda Ganfield's vintage quilts, hundreds of years of happy in cloth by our predecessors. See you March 12th...

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, March 12, 7:00 pm, **General Meeting** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave.

Saturday, March 14, 10am to 3pm, **Workshop** at Naval Air Station Museum. Joan Beall and Kathleen Fennelly will teach us about wool applique.

Tuesday, March 17, noon, **Board Meeting** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave. All are welcome.

Tuesday, March 24, 10 am to 3 pm, **Open Sew** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1323 Central Ave.

A reminder: All of our meetings/open sews/workshops/retreats are fragrance free. Some of us are quite sensitive and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Our very own Linda Ganfield will present a trunk show of her extensive collection of vintage quilts. Many are historic and one of a kind. She will also share her knowledge of how to date a quilt – assessing fabric, patterns, and stitches.

There will be show and tell.

MEMBERSHIP

Renewals (\$40.00) continue. Please check the directory to be sure all your information is correct. If something needs changing let us know.

2020 RETREAT UPDATE

We now have 2 openings for the retreat and we are OFFICIALLY open to friends. If you have a friend who wants to come, let me know and let them know that they will need to make a full payment of \$440. (non member pricing). If more than two non-members are interested, I will maintain a wait list.

I will be handing out information packets at the March meeting. If you are not there, I will mail it to you. A list of attendees will be included. You are on your own to arrange car pools as desired.

I have been in touch with Mercy Center, and they are looking forward to our visit. Robin Hagen, the massage therapist from last year will be available again and will take sign-ups on Monday.

I hope you are looking forward to our 2020 retreat. I've been busy getting "gifties" together and making plans. If you have any suggestions, questions, concerns, please contact me.

Quilty Hugs to all, Leslie Lsoren30@comcast.net

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLES

There are several active friendship circles. Carole King is willing to begin a new evening group, contact her if you are interested. Piece-makers has an opening, contact Linda Ganfield for more info.

KISS IT GOODBYE - It's back!

Bring your left-overs, extras, unfinished projects, et al. It's amazing what can find a new home. Thanks to Laraine Salmon for sharing our leftovers with the San Francisco Quilters Guild.

OUTREACH - PILLOWCASES

It's time again to start on pillowcases. If you have been one of our contributors, thank you. If not, this is a good time to start. Pillowcase kits are available at every general meeting and at our Open Sew days. We are always looking for donations of fabric, especially fabric appropriate for children's pillowcases. A pillowcase needs 7/8 yard for the body and 3/8 yard for the cuff. Search through your stash and see what might be suitable. We are grateful.

OUTREACH REPORT

AQG donated 80 quilts, 678 Joy Bundles, 245 pillowcases, and 12 fidget quilts in 2019. Wow! Thanks to Jeanne Heffernan and Helene Young for their hard work on this worthwhile project. Although all sizes of quilts are needed, 30% of foster clients are 0-5 years old. Crib sized quilts are welcome.

Our next gift of donated items is set for July. Labels, toys for Joy Bundles, and pillowcase kits are always available at the general meetings.

OUT & ABOUT

Manteca Quilters Sat, March 7. 9am-4pm Sun, March 8. 9am-3pm
SJCOE – Wentworth Building, 2707 Transworld Dr, Stockton 95206
Quilt and Doll Cloth Show. Featured Artist: Cindy Thompson

Yuba-Sutter Valley Quilt Guild Sat, March 14. 10am-5pm Sun, March 15. 10am-4pm
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave, Yuba City. Admission - \$7
37th Annual Quilt Show. Featured Quilter: Karen Litvinchuk

East Bay Heritage Quilters - Voices in Cloth Sat March 21. 10am-5pm Sun, March 22. 10am-4pm
Craneway Pavilion, 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond. Two Day Admission - \$15
Extraordinary Quilts by the Bay. Featuring *A Century of Women's Progress*.

Annual Sonoma Quilt Show Sat, Mar 21 & Sun, Mar 22. 10 am to 4 pm
Vintage House Senior Center, 264 First St. East, Sonoma
Featured Artists: Judy Dieter, fiber artist and Russ Dieter photographer. As a fiber artist, Judy uses appliqué, thread and painting to embellish jackets. Over 100 quilts by local quilters are displayed at the show. Admission: \$5. Donated to Vintage House Senior Center to support their programs.

Heritage Button Show and Sale Saturday, March 21. 10am to 5pm
1980 Hamilton Avenue, San Jose
All varieties of clothing buttons - 18th century thru the Victorian era; Art Deco; and German & Czech buttons, and French couture buttons. Also hand-made buttons designed by current button artisans.

Foothill Quilters Guild Fri, April 3. 10am-5pm Sat, April 4. 10am-4pm
Parkside Church & ARD Regional Park, Auburn
38th Annual Quilt Show. Featured Quilter: Lynn Zacharias Admission - \$8

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County Sat, April 4. 10am-5pm Sun. April 5. 10am-4pm
Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd, Concord. Weekend Admission - \$10
Featured Artists: Jean Jurgenson & Aileyn Ecob

Carson Valley Quilt Guild Sat, June 6 & Sun, June 7 10am-4pm
Douglas County Community and Senior Center, 1329 Waterloo Ln, Gardnerville, NV
Guest Lecturer: Melinda Bula. Admission - \$10

Quilt Show Reno Thurs, June 11 & Fri, June 12. 10am-5pm Sat, June 13. 10am-4pm
Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E. Second St., Reno, NV 89595 Summit Pavilion
Admission - \$10 per Day \$1 OFF with coupon 2 & 3-Day Passes available online

Seven Sisters Quilt Show Sat, June 27. 9am-5pm Sun, June 28. 9am-4pm
Alex Madonna Expo Center at the Madonna Inn, 100 Madonna Road. San Luis Obispo
Quilts of the Central Coast. Admission: \$10. Good for one or both days

GUILD MEETING AGENDAS FOR 2020

January 9	Board Induction Ceremony / Birthday Party / Member Survey "How Are We Doing?"
February 13	Mel Beach, a San Jose, CA based quilt artist, teacher and lecturer, who breaks away from tradition by adding her own modern, beautifully textured and colorful twists.
March 12	Linda Ganfield, vintage quilts
April 9	Extended Show and Tell. Hardware Silent Auction, proceeds to the Guild.
May 14	Linda Schmidt, her website is Short Attention Span Quilting. Need I say more!
June 11	Annual Auction
Jul 7 9	Share a favorite book, tool, or product. Also Outreach Donations
August 13	Demonstrations of Holiday Gift Ideas
September 10	Silk & Salvage, Sue Fox & Julia McLeod
October 8	Ruler Demonstrations
November 12	Extended Show and Tell
December 10	Holiday Potluck and Outreach Donations

GUILD WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

Your board has been hard at work designing an exciting year of workshops for you.

January 11	Decorative Cards – Gigi Jensen
February 15	The Quilter's Edge – Terry Hodges
March 14	Wool Applique – Joan Beall & Kathleen Fennelly
April 11	Jelly Roll Rug – Joy Beireis-Molnar
May 16	Table Runner – Leslie Sorenson
June 13	TBA – Sujata Shah
No workshops in July and August	
September 12	Santa Ornament- Kim Orzell
October 10	Dyeing Fabric – Laraine Salmon
November 14	Spring Mini Quilt – Terry Hodges

2020 AFFILIATES

We're in the process of contacting possible affiliates for this year. If you have a favorite store or resource, let us know.

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