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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - WELCOME to October... Ghosts and goblins, spooks galore, scary witches at your door!

It's a scary month for kids and sometimes for quilters! I've been thinking about trying some new techniques in my sewing room, but I notice I'm putting them off. Sometimes it's scary trying new things, but I saw a saying the other day which said, "If you never make mistakes, you'll never make anything." That really resonated with me, so I'm going to be brave and launch into something new this month. Try a new block or a new notion or a new sewing technique, be brave!

Trying something new can have payoffs and the urban quilt block trail is an example of that. We have gotten several new members and an Alamedan Jeff Cambra featured us in his blog several weeks ago. Check his blog out. Let's hope AQG will be more visible on the island now, and we had some fun doing the blocks in the process.

Being brave required two big decisions for the AQG board this month. By now you have received my letter about the increase in dues for 2022 and our reasons why. The second decision we have made is to require proof of vaccination for in person meetings starting in November. Our older demographic puts our members at greater risk for COVID, so we feel this is a necessary step to take to keep our members safe. If you are not vaccinated, we are asking you to show proof of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of our meeting.

Be brave and quilt on. See you at our next meeting...

Terry Hodges

Upcoming Dates

Oct 14 7:00 pm Zoom General Meeting

Oct 16 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Sew 'N Chat

Oct 19 1:00 pm Board Meeting

Oct 28 2:00 pm Meet in the Park, Lincoln Park

OCTOBER 14 – ZOOM MEETING WITH LINDA WAGNER

Linda Wagner 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.

There were technical difficulties with the September meeting - so this is a do-over!

ZOOM

The next monthly meeting will take place via Zoom on October 14 at 7:00 p.m. The link will be sent out via email on October 12. 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.

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

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 69 members. Welcome new members Jennifer Manchester and Jenny Linton. Membership renewal will start in November. Dues will be \$50.00 annually. We are also mandating vaccinations for our meetings. You can bring a copy to the next meeting or send it digitally. A membership application is only necessary if you have changes to your information. Please check the member list on the website. Please contact me with any questions. Stay safe, Carole King 510 522 6601

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Mary Ann Rose, Rikki Henneman, Barbara Stuber

a new blade for
my rotary cutter

a half spool of
Aurifil thread

a vente
Frappuccino

I know that no one likes dues increases - so I thought I would look at the benefits Alameda Quilt Guild brings to us.

\$50 per year is \$4.17 per month. That is: one new blade for my rotary cutter, or a pack of sewing clips, or a fat quarter at Bay Quilts, or a spool of premium thread, or a mini charm pack, or a pack of pins. And it's less than the Frappuccino we use to wake up in the afternoon.

Alameda Quilt Guild offers you friends, sharing, and learning. We offer monthly meetings with 4 premium speakers per year, Sew 'N Chat on Zoom, and Meetings in the Park. We offer a schedule of workshops (to resume next year). Activities include Show 'N Tell, Kiss-It-Goodbye, project demonstrations, friendship circles, and our annual Auction. Consider what you receive for the cost of your membership, I think you will agree that it is an exceptional value.

SEW 'N CHAT

We will meet (virtually) on Saturday, October 16, 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. This is 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 November. Bring them to the November general meeting. 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



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Urban Quilt Block Trail project. We gained new members and great publicity. Carole Bernard, Kathleen Fennelly, Carole King, Rachele King, Joy Beireis-Molnar, Jane Hageman, Wanda Fudge, Suzanne Duran, Jean Wolslegel, Lu Burton, Terry Hodges, Laraine Salmon, Heidi Schultz, Sally Mirault, Li Volin, Jeanne Heffernan, Lynn Groh, Judy Lamb, Donna O'Kane, Dorothy Kerwin

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT



The BOM for October is attached, it is called Starboard, and is due back at the park mtg October 28th.

The September BOM was won by Heidi Schultz. Thanks, Suzanne Duran

a pack of
sewing clips

a mini
charm pack

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.

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.

a pair of good
5" scissors

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Rachelle King is playing Rosie in Mama Mia in November at the Livermore Arts Center. All need to wear masks and be vaccinated. Here is the link for tickets.

<https://livermorearts.org/event/mamma-mia-2/>

mini cutting
mat

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 AQG 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.

Reminder to provide me with the extra \$20.00 and your vaccine information. If someone wants to come and isn't already signed up, contact me and I will ask Mercy if you can be added.

Mercy Center Auburn is requiring that anyone coming on campus be vaccinated. Refer to the emails I've sent to you about providing verification.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call me. Carole King, 510 522 6601

2022 RETREAT UPDATE

The 2022 Retreat will be April 25 - 29. Believe it or not, we are already planning our 2022 Retreat. Please mark your Calendar now, so that you don't accidentally make other plans. You certainly don't want to miss the Retreat.

Details will be coming as they develop.

Thanks, Laraine Salmon

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.

GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2021

October 14 7 pm Zoom - Linda Wagner – “Edgy”, borders for visual impact.

November 11 7 pm Trinity* - Nancy Brown – “Animal Quilts, Family Quilts, Trunk Show”
Vaccination or a negative COVID test (within 72 hours) is necessary.

December 9 7 pm Trinity* - Holiday Party and Donation Event

one half bag of
poly fiberfill

5 sheets lightweight
fusible web

and another
fat quarter -
never enough

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.

EVENTS

Pacific International Quilt Festival Wed, Oct 13 – Sat, Oct 16
Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy Santa Clara, CA

Piecemakers by the Sea Quilt Show Sat, October 9, 4 – 11 PM
475 California Ave Moss Beach, CA

Social Justice Sewing Academy Community Quilt Building Workshop Sep 22 – Oct 4
Cloth Carousel, 150 Parker St Suite B Vacaville, CA

Clover ergonomic
seam ripper

and another pair
of 5 inch scissors

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.

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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THIS IS WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO



I've forwarded this story from the East Bay Children's Law Offices. This is our first photo of an AQQ quilt gifted for a foster child. It's a wonder-filled story. Jeanne Heffernan



Jett's dad agreed to let us tell her story in our annual report. And Jett LOVES her quilt from the quilters guild . . . when I delivered it to her, I had no idea that she loves blankets in general and is always wrapping herself up in one.

Here's her photo with her new quilt! And her story is below . . .

Two years after losing her mom at age six, Jett almost lost her dad. In the early months of the COVID pandemic, an infection essentially paralyzed him and after 12 years of sobriety, he turned to the one thing he knew would ease his pain.

Within days, he knew it wasn't the answer, and he knew he needed medical attention. He called 911. His hospitalization resulted in Jett entering foster care with family friends. And COVID complicated everything. Jett desperately missed her dad. She missed his hugs. She didn't want to have to stay six feet away from him during visits.

Fortunately for Jett, her dad did everything asked of him including participating in Family Treatment Court. And he rallied the troops, including Jett's lawyer at EBCLO. He pushed. They pushed. And together, Jett's team made sure she went home this spring and had her case dismissed this fall.

Jett and her dad are so proud of each other it's palpable. And EBCLO is so proud to have been even a small part of their journey.

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