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Learn from each other.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here. It's my favorite time of year! Beautiful flowers are popping up everywhere, the sun is shining (most of the time) and best of all, I get to watch the grandkids baseball and tee-ball games. They're more exciting than the A's.

Last month I mentioned working on UFO's. I'm happy to report one is finished, including attaching a label. My goal is to complete two more by July for our Donation Night. It's kind of like the tortoise and the hare – one stitch at a time.

How many of you participate in the ritual of Spring Cleaning? I never seem to get around to it but, my plan is to do better this year. I have way more of everything than I'll ever use so I'm going to imitate Elsa from Frozen and Let It Go! Contributing something to this month's AQG Auction is a win-win for everyone.

Hope there's a spring in your step, Sally Mirault, President

UPCOMING DATES

Thu, Apr 11	7 pm General Mtg at Trinity Lutheran 1323 Central Ave
Sat, Apr 13	Workshop – Ribbon Embroidery 10 am Corica Golf Course
Tue, Apr 16	1 pm Board Meeting at Trinity Lutheran
Sat, Apr 20	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat – Zoom mtg Look for Zoom link
Tue, Apr 23	Open Sew, 11 am – 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch
Thu, Apr 25	AQG In the Park, 1pm – 3pm at Lincoln Park Inside the High Street gates Socialize, Share, and Kiss it Goodbye

The Alameda Quilt Guild wants to thank Corica Golf Course for generously letting us use their community rooms for our classes.

GENERAL MEETING – MEMBER INTERVIEW & AUCTION, Thursday, April 11

We'll have another member interview (thanks to our president Sally for arranging these. I find them fascinating.) This is also our annual Auction. It is a fundraiser for the Guild, not to mention fun!

Think about your sewing space – there are things you no longer want, fabric you no longer need, and projects (let's be honest) you will never finish. Consider it a kindness that you can donate those things to the Auction and let someone else have all the fun.

Fabric can include yardage, layer cakes, charm packs, fat quarters. Tools can be the simple to the exotic – do any of us really have enough seam rippers? Equipment can be sewing machines, Ott lights, irons, or storage containers. Let your imagination run free. See you there!

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 66. Welcome new member Annemarie Dompe

Membership (\$50 per year) is now due. You can mail it to the post office box or pay at the March meeting. The roster will be purged and you will not receive information from the guild.

Carole King, king.carole@gmail.com

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate. Reach out and send good wishes to our sister quilters with birthdays this month!

Sandra Pilon, Sandra Schuitema, Rose Minafo, Carol Putney, Helene Young, Barbara Rasmussen, Bonnie Jacobsen, Ruth Colombo, Judy Lamb, Martha Peck



BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

This is the April BOM on sale for \$2 a kit at the April 11th meeting.

If the extra striped fabric is returned with the completed block, it can be used as cornerstones, by the lucky winner of the Kaffe Fasset centered blocks.

Suzanne Duran, co chair BOM, 510 326-7931 cell

SEW ALONG PATTERNS

Look for the next flower pattern at the April meeting.

SEW 'N CHAT – Sat, April 20

Join us from 1 pm – 3 pm for our Zoom meeting.

Look for the Zoom link on Thursday, April 18.

Share your new project, progress on a UFO, or a special gift for a friend.

AQG RETREAT – JUNE 17 - 21, 2024

Join us June 17-21 at the Mercy Center in Auburn for our annual retreat. The retreat is full, but there is a waitlist you can sign up for in case someone drops out. Just email me to add your name.

Final payment is due at the April meeting. See you there! Terry Hodges terrychodges@aol.com

FIELD TRIP – JOE CUNNINGHAM GALLERY

On April 10, we will visit the Joe Cunningham Gallery in San Francisco. This will be a ferry trip across the bay and then take MUNI to 3320 18th Street in the Mission District. We'll stop for lunch on the way back.

There are still spots available. The deadline to reserve is April 6. terrychodges@aol.com

AQG BINGO 2024

Starting in January play AQG Bingo and win chances for prizes in October! Pick up your Bingo Card at January's meeting. (Picture of Bingo Card is attached).

Follow the directions on the card. Cards are due at the October meeting. For every completed "line" on your card, you will receive a ticket for prizes – to be awarded at the October meeting.

We are operating on the honor system for this game. The more you involve yourself in the Guild, the better you will do!

MAY WORKSHOP – FABRIC POSTCARDS

Sign up with Suzanne Duran at the April meeting.

The June workshop is Fabric Pumpkins with Susan Correa and Diane Rodrigues.

CHALLENGE QUILT 2024 – ONE HOT TAMALE

Theme: One Hot Tamale.

Reveal: November 14 at the Guild meeting.

Size: 36" x 36" or less

What does "one hot tamale" mean to you? A landscape? A garden? A dancer? A sunrise or sunset? A color theme? A portrait? What is your "one hot tamale"? Anything goes! Reveal it at the Guild meeting in November. Prizes will be given.

Materials: any fabric, wool, or trims. Embellish your quilt with beads, embroidery, decorative threads, etc. Machine and hand work is fine.

Questions? Contact Terry Hodges, terrychodges@aol.com

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Michelle Johnston, one of our longtime members, has moved to the Elder Ashram, an assisted living community. She has donated most of her quilting items to the Guild and to Mastick's quilting class, and in doing so extends her greetings and gratitude to us all for many lovely days of quilting and friendship.

Michelle's work was always precise, with beautiful batik colorways. She is quite busy with activities and appointments in her new home. If you plan to visit, please call ahead. Her phone# is 510-507-2458. Her address is Elder Ashram, 3121 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland, California 94602.

Send items to kerwindorothy@gmail.com

QUILTERS' QUESTIONS

This is a new and interactive feature. We want you to respond to the question of the month and even submit questions for future columns. There's no specialist waiting in the wings – we want to hear your tips and techniques.

Question: What is your favorite way to square up a block?

Submit your answers to kerwindorothy@gmail.com with the subject line "quilters' questions". We'll print the results next month. And a new question!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2024

All meetings are at Trinity Lutheran at 7pm on the second Thursday unless otherwise indicated

- April 11:* Member interview and member auction
May 9: Speaker Victoria Johnson, trunk show & quilt journey
June 13: Happy 9th birthday potluck, vote for Sew Along winner, extended Show 'N Tell of all things homemade, member interview, and Kiss-It-Goodbye
July 11: Donation event, How-Are-We-Doing survey, member interview, and Kiss-It-Goodbye
August 8: Speaker Sandi DaRoza, "Everything you Need to Learn about using Bold and Bright Colors"
September 12: Four holiday gift demos, member interview, and Kiss-It-Goodbye
October 10: Speaker Kim Brownell, "Wacky Organizing". Bingo prize drawings
November 14: Donation event, vote for "One Hot Tamale" Challenge Quilt winner, Show 'N Tell of workshop projects, and Kiss-It-Goodbye. No Block of the Moment
December 12: Holiday potluck, Board induction, and Sing Along. No Block of the Moment

Workshop schedule for 2024

All workshops are taught at Corica Golf Course, on Saturdays from 10-3pm.



April 13 – Ribbon Embroidery – Teacher: Joan Beall – Fee \$25.00 for the kit, just bring scissors; (this is a limited size class, first come first served). Using silk ribbon you will learn how to create different flowers. These are good techniques to add to your knowledge of embroidery stitches.



May 11 – Fabric Postcards – Teacher Suzanne Duran – Fee \$10.00

Make custom postcards for friends and family. Using fabric and trims create one-of-a-kind postcards. Make events like birthdays, Christmas or Valentines Day special with these cards. Spend the day with other members and have some fun being creative.



June 8 – Fabric Pumpkins - Teachers Susan Correa & Diane Rodrigues – Fee \$10.00.

Make a pumpkin patch for your fall centerpiece. Our display includes an appliqued table runner and several stuffed pumpkins of different sizes. We will supply a variety of templates so you can design your own table runner and stuffed pumpkins using cottons and wools.



July 13 – English Paper Piecing – Teacher Carroll Stephens – Fee \$10.00
Learn the techniques of a craft from the 18th century. You will learn how to cover different shapes with fabric and how to hand stitch them together. A great project to travel with as no sewing machine is required.



August 10 – Cathedral Window – Teacher: Carol Bernard – Total fee: \$10.00.
Learn how to construct a three dimensional quilt block. “Windows” are fabric squares centered over the intersection of 4 separate block units.

September 14 – Donation Sewing & Lunch Facilitator Terry Hodges - Fee : cost of your lunch
Take this day to work on your quilts, joy bundles, pillow cases or fidget quilts for our donation day in November. Enjoy sewing with other members and having lunch with them at Jim’s on the Course.



October—12 - 9 Patch Pizzaz Teacher Jane Strem - Fee \$30.00 (Jane is an owner and a teacher at New Pieces Quilt Store)

This versatile design features either a large focus fabric or a panel surrounded by nine-patch blocks which will enhance the feature fabric.



November 9 – Creating Fabric Using Paper Napkins Teacher Terry Hodges, Fee: \$20.00 (includes kit fee)
In this class we will create custom fabrics using paper napkins. Using these as backgrounds, we will make a small wall hanging using raw edge applique and a little slow stitching.

EVENTS CALENDAR – (Send submissions to the newsletter editor - kerwindorothy@gmail.com)

Apr 6th-7th Sat – Sun, 10AM – 4PM both days
Quilt Show: Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County
“Stars of Wonder” by the Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County
Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr Walnut Creek
Tickets are \$10 in advance - \$12 at the door
Featured Artists: The Material Girlfriends - LISA NORTON & LORA ZMAK

Apr 6th-7th Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

Quilt Show: Carquinez Strait Stitchers, Benicia

"Spring on the Strait" Quilt Show

Benicia Clocktower 1189 Washington St, Benicia

Featured Artist - Catherine Bergeron Dumas

Quilts, Vendors, Country Store, Demonstrations, Admission \$10, good for both days

Apr 6th Saturday only, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Quilt Show: San Joaquin Valley Quilt Guild, Fresno

SPRINGTIME IN THE VALLEY QUILT SHOW

First Presbyterian Church, 1540 M St, Fresno, CA 93721, USA

Our first show since before Covid. Quilts, Jackets, Table runners and small projects will be on display. This is not a judged show. Admission is \$10. Parking is free.

Quilts-Raffle Baskets-Vendors- Door Prizes

Apr 13th Saturday www.deltaquilters.com

The Sewing Rooms, located in Oakley and Brentwood, will be open 11am-3pm. There will be tool/technique demonstrations by members of Delta Quilters Guild, samples of a 3-yard quilt shared by guild members, view a sewing room, studio, or space to see how the host organizes the sewing space.

Tours: 1:00-3:00, Reception: 2:00-4:00

Enjoy visiting the sewing space of five local quilters, demonstrations, and a reception with light refreshments and good company!

Tickets: \$20 – Advance, \$25 - Day of Event (a limited # available, call 925-852-4600 to check)

Apr 27th-28th, Sat – Sun, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm both days

Quilt Show: Springtime in the Pines

Pine Tree Quilt Guild 40th Anniversary Celebration at

Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley CA

More information at www.pinetreequiltguild.com

May 17th-18th, Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-4

Quilt Show: Roseville Quilters Guild - "Quilting Dreams"

Mahany Fitness Center, 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville

Admission \$10 good for both days

Quilts, Vendors, Boutique, Raffle Baskets, Country Store, Door Prizes, Lunch and Snacks available

Jun 1-2 Sat 10am – 3pm, Sun 11am – 2pm

Event: Country Store and Fabric Sale

GQCCC COUNTRY STORE AND FABRIC SALE

Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West St Concord, CA 94521

Shop for fabric, quilts, handmade items, books, rulers, collectibles, ...

Jun 22nd-23rd, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-3pm

Quilt Show: Amador Valley Quilters, Livermore

Quilted Treasures XVIII – Together Again

Trinity Church Gymnasium, 557 Olivina Ave, Livermore

The event will feature a modern quilt exhibit with over 200 quilts; "Yosemite Falls" Opportunity Quilt raffle; raffle baskets; vendors with quilting supplies and products.

General admission - \$10; children under 12 - free; free parking

Sep 20th-21st, Fri-Sat, 10am – 4pm

Quilt Show: 2024 Quilt Threads Show

Sponsored by: Sierra Quilt Guild of Tuolumne Co., Mother Lode Weavers ; Spinners, and Sierra Needle Artists

Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora CA

Bed Turning, Boutique, Featured Quilter Doris Lantz, Quilts and Handmade Textile Arts, Vendors, Food

Adults \$10, good for both days, Children 12 and under are FREE!

Oct 5th-6th, Sat 10 am – 5 pm, Sun 10 am – 4 pm

Quilt Show: Golden Threads Quilt Show

Mother Lode Quilters

Sutter Creek Auditorium, Sutter Creek, CA 95685, USA

Our featured quilters are Material Girlfriends.

In addition to the quilts, there will be raffle baskets, a Country Store and a craft boutique.

OUTREACH

Thank you to Jeanne Heffernan and Helene Young for the pop-up workshop on fidget quilts at the March Open Sew. There were many busy hands as members had fun creating these unique quilts.

Our next donation event is in July, 2024. So keep sewing! jmh8346@sbcglobal.net

ALAMEDA QUILT GUILD SHOW AT THE FRANK BETTE ART CENTER IN ALAMEDA

Alameda Quilt Guild will mount an exhibit at the Frank Bette Art Center in November of 2024.

Our AQG Frank Bette committee includes Suzanne Duran, Carol Bernard, and Pauline Marx and the 3 of us are happy to chat with you about the show, which will be in the Signature Gallery. We welcome your participation!

Here are some facts to keep in mind:

- All work needs to be for sale, with the maker setting the price. If the work sells, the maker receives 60% of the sales price and the art center receives 40%.
- Quilts need to be completed and ready to hang by September 30. A hanging sleeve is required.
- Work in various sizes is welcome. Maximum size of approximately 48" x 48."
- The gallery has the final say in selecting work to exhibit. The preference is towards artistic quilts.
- There is a \$25 application fee for each artist. The money will be returned if the artist's work is not selected for the show.

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QUILT JOURNEYS

Many of you have been quilting for a long time and we would love to see some of your work. Would you be interested in presenting a mini trunk show and talking about your personal quilt journey?

Contact terrychodges@aol.com if you can volunteer or you want to nominate someone in the guild you know has an interesting journey to share.

THE COMMUNITY QUILTERS- OUTREACH

AQG now has a new group – The Community Quilt Finishers. We are a group that will finish donated quilt tops. Any AQG member can donate a pieced quilt top (preferably with batting and back) at any member meeting, the second Thursday of the month.

This donation, once finished, will go directly to our selected charities: Sutter Care at Home, Alameda; Midway Shelter, Alameda; EBCLO-Easter Bay Childrens Law Office for foster youth, Alameda County. All quilts will be displayed at our donation events and photographed for the online AQG newsletter. Nancy Griffin and Jeanne Heffernan are Committee chairs; Jane Hageman and Marge McLean will receive at our member meetings any quilt tops (and batting/back if possible).

If there are any questions call Jeanne Heffernan or Nancy Griffin. We are hoping that this effort boosts the AQG number of donated quilts for our community giving.

2023 AFFILIATES

The Sewing Room, 2434 Webb Ave

510 332 9002 thesewingroomalameda.com

New Pieces Quilt Shop, Inc, 766 Gilman, Berkeley

510-527-6779 newpieces.com

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 7 pm - AUCTION General Mtg Trinity Lutheran	12	13 10am – 3pm Workshop Ribbon Embroidery
14	15	16 1pm Board Meeting Trinity Lutheran	17	18	19	20 1pm – 2:30pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom Mtg
21	22	23 11 am – 3 pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran	24	25 1 pm – 3 pm In the Park Lincoln Park	26	27
28	29	30				

MARCH GENERAL MEETING – ROSE MINAFO, LONG ARM QUILTER





ACTIVITY FROM THE CONFETTI QUILT WORKSHOP



Alameda Quilt Guild 2024 BINGO Challenge

NAME _____

Attend a retreat	Bring a friend to a Guild Meeting	De-clutter one area of your sewing room	Attend a Board Meeting (all members are welcome)	Sew with a friend for one day
Volunteer to help at one Guild event	Make a charity quilt	Share a project in our Facebook Group	Learn a new quilting technique	Attend one AQG Workshop
Support an AQG Business Member	Invite a friend to a Friendship Group Meeting		Attend a quilt show (online or in person)	Make an outreach donation item
Donate items to Kiss-It-Goodbye at the park	Volunteer for a board position in the Guild	Welcome a new member	Make a quilt using only your stash	Attend one Open Sew
Finish a UFO	Attend the General Meeting	Make a quilted gift	Enter a project in the "One Hot Tamale" Challenge	Volunteer to demo a holiday gift or a quilting technique at a meeting

Directions to play the game:

- Finish one line (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) to be eligible for a drawing to be held at our **Thursday, October 10, 2024** general meeting. For every line completed, you get one ticket for the drawing.
- Fill the whole card for a special drawing to be held at the October 10 general meeting.