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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Celebrating Valentine's Day lost its appeal when I became a widow 25 years ago. Don't get me wrong, I still love a romantic love story, but it doesn't have to be paired with the obligatory chocolate and roses on the 14th.

However, there is a trend that has caught my attention: "Quilted Hearts". People make small, quilted hearts and leave them in public spaces to be found by strangers. There are stories on-line of people who found the hearts when they were grieving, feeling despair, coping with a medical or family crisis, or hoping to find love. Some of the quilted hearts are elaborate works of art and others are simple raw edge quilted hearts. No matter what their style, they're appreciated by anyone whose spirit was lifted by this act of kindness. It's certainly getting some traction on social media as we're leading up to Valentine's Day, but would be appreciated in any month.

I hope everyone reading this message will commit to making a conscious effort to show kindness to at least one person everyday this month. A smile, friendly word, or gesture can have a positive impact on someone's sense of well-being. I'll start off by saying you are my people and I love being part of this guild because of you.

Have a great month, Sally Mirault, President

UPCOMING DATES

Thurs, Feb 8	7 pm General Mtg – Zoom Look for Zoom link on Feb 6
Sat, Feb 10	Workshop – Stamp Play 10 am Corica Golf Course
Sat, Feb 17	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat - Zoom Look for Zoom link
Tue, Feb 20	1 pm Board Meeting at Trinity Lutheran 1323 Central Ave
Tue, Feb 27	Open Sew, 11 am – 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch

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

GENERAL MEETING – Thursday, February 8

This is our winter Zoom meeting. It enables us to have a speaker and to stay at home out of the weather.

Our speaker is Stephanie Hackney, Director of Sales & Marketing, Craft & Retail, Hobbs Bonded Fibers. She will talk about “Batting – What’s Inside Matters”. This will cover fiber types, recommendations, care and use of batting, tips and tricks, and fun. A reference sheet is included in this newsletter.

Look for the Zoom link information on Tuesday, Feb 6 and join us at 7 pm on Thursday, Feb 8 for an educational evening.

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 65. 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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate. Reach out and send good wishes to our sister quilters with birthdays this month! Diane Simoni, Rita Virgil, Bonnie Leber, Kathleen Fennelly, Mitzi Wong-Nguyen, Nellie Chiang

SOME EXPLANATION IS IN ORDER

AQG has been fortunate to see a steady growth in membership since our founding. We sincerely want to welcome all our new members – we are so happy you found us.

We’d like you to know more about everything we offer – *Outreach*, *Block of the Moment*, *Sew ‘N Chat*, *Open Sew*, *AQG in the Park* – not to mention general meetings and workshops.

Outreach is AQG giving back to the community. We partner with several non-profit groups to donate quilts, pillowcases, and joy bundles at the general meetings in July and November. This is an entirely volunteer activity, though we encourage members to make at least one donation item a year.

Block of the Moment is an activity offered 8 – 10 times a year at the general meeting. A quilt block kit (pre-cut fabric and directions) is available for \$2. You buy a kit (or more than one), complete it, and return it to the next meeting. You receive a ticket for a drawing that will award all of the finished blocks. If you are the lucky winner, you are well on your way to a finished quilt.

Sew ‘N Chat is a monthly Zoom meeting that lets us share with each other. It happens on the third Saturday from 1pm to 3pm. You can join via the Zoom link and for an hour or two on a Saturday afternoon, you can see and hear what your sister quilters are up to.

Open Sew is a monthly in person meeting that lets us share with each other from 11am to 3pm on the 4th Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran. Irons and wool mats and a cutting mat are supplied. You bring your project and equipment. It’s a great way to meet other members and fulfill part of our motto – “learn from each other”.

AQG in the Park began during the pandemic. It was a way to meet and maintain social distance. It has continued as a social outlet. There is always a Kiss-It-Goodbye table and a chance to share completed projects or ask questions. It runs from April through October – on the 4th Thursday from 1pm – 2:30pm. The location is Lincoln Park inside the High St gates.

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

The pinwheel block is due at the March meeting.
Suzanne Duran and Joy Beireis-Molnar, BOM co-

SEW ALONG PATTERNS

Look for the next flower pattern at the March meeting.

SEW 'N CHAT – Sat, February 17

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

Look for the zoom link on Thurs, Feb 15.

The winners of the Layer Cake Lap race were 1st - Jeanne Heffernan, 2nd - Lu Burton, 3rd - Kim Orzell. Congrats to all.

AQG RETREAT – JUNE 17 - 21, 2024

AQG's Annual Retreat 2024

Join us June 17-21 at the Mercy Center in Auburn for our annual retreat. Only 1 spot remains. Mail me your \$100.00 deposit to hold your space or sign up at January's meeting.

See you there! Terry Hodges

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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.

Joe Cunningham has been a professional quilt artist since 1979. In 2009 he received a grant to study with the Gees Bend quilters in Alabama. His quilts are in the permanent collections of the DeYoung museum, The Shelburne Museum, The Newark Museum, The San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles among others. Joe began making quilts in his hometown of Flint, Michigan and eventually moved to San Francisco where he maintains a gallery/studio to make and show his quilts.

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!

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Send items to kerwindorpothy@gmail.com

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. You may embellish your quilt with beads, embroidery, decorative threads, etc. Machine and hand work is fine.

Questions? Contact Terry Hodges,
terrychodges@aol.com

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2024

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

- February 8:* Speaker Stephanie Hackney - Hobbs Bonded Fiber rep "Batting: What's Inside Matters" (Zoom meeting)
- March 14:* Speaker Sheila Collins, "Creative Explorations" from juried art festivals to quilt challenges and commissioned pieces. Also Kiss-It-Goodbye
- 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.



February 10 – Stamp Play on Fabric – Teacher Leslie Sorenson, Fee: \$ 30.00 (includes kit)

Creating a custom stamp for fabric or paper. We will be exploring a few different aspects of block printing, using stamp inks and acrylic fabric paints.



March 9 – Confetti Quilt – Teacher Carol Cislowksi, Fee \$20.00.

Using small confetti sized pieces of fabric, we will create an impressionist version of a picture.

The email for Carol's Confetti Quilt workshop must be sent by February 8th (February is a Zoom meeting), see newsletter for fees.



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 – 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.



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 – 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.

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.

OUTREACH

Another month with gray skies and rain, a time to work on projects for our next donation event. If you need pillowcase kits or advice of any kind – reach out to Jeanne Heffernan for assistance and support.

Our next donation event is in July, 2024. 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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THE COMMUNITY QUILTERS- OUTREACH

AQG now has a new group of 17 members to collaborate together to finish donated quilt tops. We are calling ourselves The Community Quilt Finishers. 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. Your quilt top will not be returned to you.

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). The purchase of batting for the purposes of this committee was approved by the board.

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.

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.

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.

GUILD CONTACT INFO

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FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 7pm Zoom General Mtg	10	11 10am Workshop Stamp Play Corica Golf Course
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 1pm-3pm Zoom Sew 'N Chat
19	20	21 1pm Board Mtg Trinity Lutheran	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 11am-3pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran	29 Happy Leap Day			

PICTURES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING – SHOW 'N TELL AND DEMOS



PICTURES FROM QUILT-AS-YOU-GO 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.



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POLYESTER Tuscany®	Resin Bonded Siliconized Poly	1/4"	None	4"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent
Cloudlot®	Resin Bonded Poly	1/2 - 5/8"	None	4"	Good	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent
Poly-Down	Resin Bonded Poly Siliconized Fibers	1/4"	None	4"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent
Thermore®	Resin Bonded Poly Patented Fibers	1/16"	None	9"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
COTTON								
Heirloom® Premium	80% Cotton 20% Poly-Resin Bonded & Needle punched	1/8" +	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Good Test With Fabric
Heirloom® 80/20 Black	80% Cotton 20% Poly-Resin Bonded & Needle punched	1/8" +	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Not Recommended
Heirloom® 80/20 Bleached	80% Cotton 20% Poly-Resin Bonded & Needle punched	1/8" +	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Heirloom® 80/20 Fusible	80% Cotton 20% Poly-Resin Bonded & Needle punched	1/8" +	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Good Test With Fabric
Heirloom® & Tuscany® Natural/Unbleached	100% Cotton Needle punched	1/8"	3 - 5%	4"	Good Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Good Test With Fabric
Heirloom® Natural with Scrim	100% Cotton Needle punched with scrim binder	1/8"	3 - 5%	8"	Good Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Good Test With Fabric
Heirloom® 100% Organic	100% Organic Cotton	1/8"	3 - 5%	4"	Good Test With Fabric	Excellent	Good	Good Test With Fabric
Heirloom® & Tuscany® Bleached	100% Cotton Needle punched	1/8"	3 - 5%	4"	Good Test With Fabric	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
WOOL Tuscany® Cotton/Wool	80% Cotton 20% Wool Resin Bonded	1/8" +	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent Test With Fabric
Heirloom® & Tuscany® Wool	Supernashed Wool Resin Bonded	1/4 - 3/8"	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent Test With Fabric
SILK Tuscany® Silk	90% Silk 10% Poly-Resin Bonded & Needle punched	1/8"	3 - 5%	4"	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent Test With Fabric	Excellent Test With Fabric

Pre-Wash is NOT recommended. For optimal results, always test with your fabric.