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Share what we know.
Learn from each other.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy new year everyone! I hope this year brings more joy and fewer challenges than previous years. As a Guild, we have a lot to look forward to - wonderful speakers to enjoy, opportunities to learn something new during a meeting demo or at workshops, being inspired by someone else's project during Show and Tell, finding a treasure on the Kiss It Goodbye table, trying a new Block of the Moment pattern, testing our abilities by participating in a Challenge, sewing without interruption at our annual retreat while someone else cooks and does the dishes (!)

But, most of all, I look forward to visiting with all of you at our monthly meetings. I'm very grateful for the connections I've made with a group of ladies who share a love of quilting. I've said it before and I'll say it again, "you are my people." I'm proud to be a member of the Alameda Quilt Guild, as I'm sure you are too.

My wish for 2024: Even as we support each other, we also remember what it feels like to be the "newbie" - in school, in the neighborhood, or at a job. I'm asking each of you to step outside your comfort zone this year and introduce yourself to someone you don't know. I trust you'll be glad you did.

Happy Stitching, Sally Mirault, AQG President

UPCOMING DATES

Thurs, Jan 11	7 pm General mtg at Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central.
Tue, Jan 16	1 pm Board Meeting at Trinity
Sat, Jan 20	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat-Layer Cake Laps Look for Zoom link
Tue, Jan 23	Open Sew, 11 am at Trinity Lutheran

AQG in the Park will resume in April. See you then.

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

GENERAL MEETING – Thursday, January 11

We will present four quilting techniques demos: Suzanne Duran– No waste Flying Geese, Terry Hodges- Using freezer paper for no tear Paper Piecing, Dorothy Kerwin– Making Continuous Bias Binding, and Laurie Moyer – Quilting organizational skills.

Also Show ‘N Tell featuring an item you checked off your 2023 list, a member interview with Eileen Carlin-Goldberg, and Kiss-It-Goodbye. Don't miss this action-packed event!

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 73. Welcome new members Pelin Bektur and Jane Strem.

Please pay your membership (\$50 per year) by the January meeting. The roster will be purged and you will not receive information from the guild.

Carole King, king.carole@gmail.com

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Suzanne Duran, Penny Matheny, Joy Beireis-Molnar, Sharon Flores, Ginger Atkinson, Alla Blanca, Sally Mirault, Allison Plambeck, Patricia Smith, Heidi Schultz

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

This block is called pinwheel. With all the wind blowing about it got me thinking of when I was a kid and my mom would get me a pinwheel to blow or have the wind make go around.

Watching it go around always made me smile.

It will be for sale at the January meeting, due at the February meeting.

Suzanne Duran and Joy Beireis-Molnar, BOM co-chairs



SEW 'N CHAT – Sat, January 20

Join us from 1 pm – 3 pm for our Zoom meeting. It will be **Layer Cake Laps Race**.

Pick up instructions at the January meeting. Look for the zoom link on Thurs, Jan 18.

Sew Along Patterns

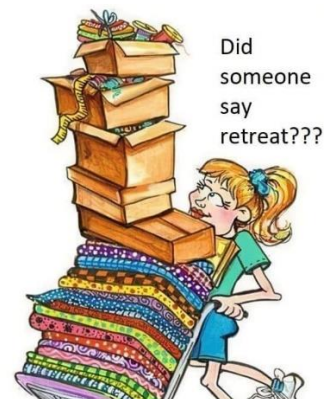
These will be handed out at January's meeting for both January and February since February is a Zoom meeting.

AQG RETREAT – JUNE 17 - 21, 2024

AQG's Annual Retreat 2024

Join us June 17-21 at the Mercy Center in Auburn for our retreat. Only 6 spots remaining. Mail me your \$100.00 deposit to hold your space or sign up at January's meeting.

See you there! Terry Hodges terrychodges@aol.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



2024 AQG BINGO

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. 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!

San Francisco Quilters Guild Workshop

The San Francisco Quilters Guild has a few openings in a virtual workshop presented by Sheila Frampton Cooper. It is "In Applique + Piecing = New Possibilities". Sheila will be teaching a two-session workshop for our Guild - this February 3 & 10 - this gives you the great opportunity to work on your piece between sessions and receive valuable feedback.

If you are interested, contact Sam McIlraith, hiketobird@gmail.com

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2024

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

- January 11:* Four quilting technique demos, Kiss-It-Goodbye, Show 'N Tell, and member interview
- 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.

January 13 – Quilt As You Go Teacher Terry Hodges, Fee: \$20.00 (for kit) CLOSED



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.

Sign ups for the February and March workshops can be done at January's meeting or you can contact Terry by email. (terrychodges@aol.com)

The email for Leslie's Stamping Fabric must be sent by January 11, if you can't attend the general meeting.

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

January, with gray skies and rain, is a great month 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!

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

Alameda Quilt Guild now has a confirmed date for our exhibit at the Frank Bette Art Center: the month of 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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Carol Bernard
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Pauline Marx
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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.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Send items of interest to kerwindorpothy@gmail.com

QUILT JOURNEYS

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.

2023 AFFILIATES

The Sewing Room, 2434 Webb Ave	510 332 9002	thesewingroomalameda.com
The Recrafting Company 2449 Santa Clara	510 263 0249	therecraftingco.com
The Cotton Patch 1025 Brown Ave, Lafayette, CA 94549	925 284-1177	thecottonpatch.shop
Stonemountain and Daughter 2518 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704	510 845-6106	stonemountainfabric.com
Bay Quilts 5327 Jacuzzi St Suite 3-C, Richmond, CA 94804	510 558-0218	sfbayquilts.com
KimonoMomo, 1515 Everett St,	925 360 3375	kimonomomo@gmail.com , etsy.com/shop/kimonomomo

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

WEBSITE

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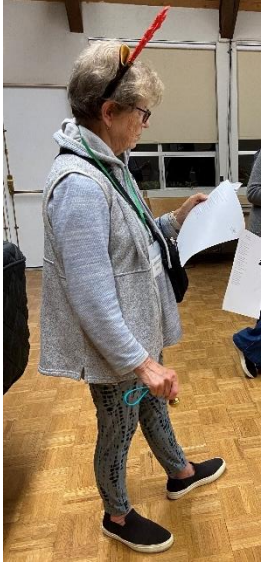
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JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 7pm General Mtg Trinity Lutheran	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 1pm Zoom Sew 'N Chat Layer Cake Laps
21	22	23 11am Open Sew Trinity Lutheran	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY – ENJOYED BY ALL



Thank you to Jennifer Manchester, Diane Simoni, and Terry Hodges for the photographs.

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.