



THE BRIDGE

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Like any guild, organization, or sorority, it takes many helping hands to keep a group active and successful.

It is time to secure names for next year's Board and Committee positions. I'm asking all members to think about what contribution you can make to ensure our guild continues to thrive in the future.

It may feel a little intimidating to volunteer, but support is available. Anyone who has held an AQG position is willing to "show you the ropes" by answering any and all questions. Additionally, a summary of the basic duties for each job is available (a copy is included in this month's Newsletter). And, if you want, you could work side by side with the outgoing committee member for the duration of this year to gain "on the job training." This is especially helpful for the positions of Secretary, Newsletter, and Treasurer.

Finally, wouldn't it feel good to have a stronger sense of connection to the guild and make new friends at the same time? Please give this request your full consideration. AQG's Board needs you and I guarantee your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Another factor to keep in mind is the dreaded worst-case scenario - some of your favorite activities may not be offered next year if no one volunteers.

Please stand up for AQG and don't sit this one out. You'll be glad you did. Sally Mirault, AQG President

UPCOMING DATES

Thurs, Aug 10	7pm General mtg at Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central. Gift Demos
Sat, Aug 12	10am – 4pm Workshop – - Corica Golf Course
Tues, Aug 15	1pm – 2:30pm Board mtg Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Sat, Aug 19	1pm – 3:30pm Sew 'N Chat by Zoom
Thurs, Aug 24	2pm – 3:30pm AQG in the Park – Lincoln Park @ High Street. Featuring the Kiss-it-goodbye table. Clear out your stash / Find a new project
Tues, Aug 29	11am – 3pm Open Sew at Trinity Lutheran

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

GENERAL MEETING - 7pm, THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

This is our annual gift demonstration meeting. The demonstrations will be a garment bag, fabric post cards, a soup bowl holder, and a sewing machine pad. Instructions will be provided and questions will be answered. This is a popular event, so be sure to mark your calendar.

There will also be a Kiss-It-Goodbye Table. You can give away things you no longer need and find treasures that others have abandoned.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 72 members. Welcome new member Nellie Chiang.

The new member fee is now \$25 for the remainder of the year. Please check your member information (on the website) and let me know if there are any corrections.

Carole King, king.carole@gmail.com

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Jeanne Heffernan, Susan Correa, Pauline Marx, Marie Dunford

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

July's BOM, the Patriotic Star is due in August.



'X' Marks the Spot kits will be on sale for \$2 at the August Meeting.



SEW 'N CHAT – Sat, August 19

Our next Zoom connection will be Saturday, August 19– 1pm to 3:30 pm.

Look for the link on Thursday, August 17.

AQG IN THE PARK – Thurs, August 24

Join us at 2pm for friends, show 'n tell, and kiss-it-goodbye. We meet just inside the High St entrance of Lincoln Park. We'll continue "AQG in the Park" during the good weather months.

AQG SEW ALONG

Registration to join our **Sew Along** starts at August's meeting. Every month for nine months you will pick up a pattern **ONLY AT THE GUILD MEETING**.

In Zoom months the pattern will be mailed to you, but only if you attend the Zoom meeting. You get one "free" month, so if you can't attend a meeting for some reason the pattern will be mailed to you. There is no cost to join us for this event.

The blocks are 12" finished, so you will have a good sized quilt top when done. You use your fabrics, it's your personal quilt!
Terry Hodges

Workshop schedule for 2023

All workshops are taught at Corica Golf Course, on Saturdays from 10am - 4pm



August 12 – Kawandi, Part 2 –
Teacher Jeanne Heffernan – Fee \$5.00

Kawandi quilting is a form of slow and mindful stitching done by the Indian Siddi Women. This is a hand stitched quilt, made from scrap fabric.



September 9 & 10 (Sat. & Sun.) -
A Garden of Delights Mini Quilt
Teacher – Terry Hodges

The September Mini Quilt workshop still has spaces. You will finish this project in class and learn how to do a faux binding.



October 14 - Donation
Sewing Day & Lunch -
Facilitator Terry Hodges,
Fee - cost of your lunch

Take this day to finish up your quilts, joy bundles, pillowcases 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.



November 11 - Paper Piecing, Part B - Teacher Terry Hodges – Fee \$10.00

This class is for the person who has some experience with paper piecing, or who needs a refresher course. If you are a beginner, you must have taken Terry's Paper Piecing, part A last January. We will be doing blocks that create their own challenges for paper piecers, such as angled pieces and intersecting pieces. This method gives you perfect blocks every time!

AQG WORKSHOPS 2024

We still need volunteer workshop teachers for 2024.

Email terrychodges@aol.com to let her know you can do one. You can also pair up with another member to teach a workshop.

MINI-RETREAT – Sept 23 & 24

This event is sold out. Final payment is due by mail or at the August Guild meeting.
You can email Terry Hodges at terryhodes@aol.com

AQG PROGRAMS FOR 2023

August – Four holiday gift demos; Kiss-it-Goodbye
September – Speaker Carol Ziogas, owner KimonoMomo
October – Four quilting technique demos
November – Quilt Journeys; Show & Tell; Donation event
December – Holiday Potluck; Board Induction

All meetings are at 7pm.

The meetings are at Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central Ave.

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

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Rachelle King will be performing in The Adams Family musical at Lucky Penny Productions in Napa from Sept 8 - Sept 24 with evening shows Thurs, Fri, and Sat and matinee shows on Sunday.

Tickets will go on sale Aug 5th at www.luckypennynapa.com. The theater has just under 100 seats so recommend getting tickets early, especially for Sat and Sun performances.

Let us know how our members are doing. Tell us about accomplishments, challenges, good news, or other news.
Send to kerwindorothy@gmail.com

AQG RETREAT – 2024

The 2024 Annual Retreat sign ups will start in December with a \$100.00 deposit to hold your spot.
The retreat is June 17-21, 2024. Terry Hodges – Coordinator

2023 Challenge Quilt: Paint Chips!

This year's challenge is paint chips. Terry has prepared envelopes for you. The envelope will contain two paint chips from a local hardware store. Your challenge is to use those two colors from the paint chips, in addition to two neutrals. We will vote and prizes will be awarded!

Rules:

- Contact Terry Hodges to choose your envelope. She will be at our guild meetings for you to pick it up or you can phone, text, or email her and she will drop off your envelope.
- Use the two colors you chose. You can use solids or prints as long as they represent the color from the paint chip.
- You can add only 2 neutral colors to your project (background counts as 1 neutral).

- The project has to be 18" square, bound and labeled by Nov. 9th at our meeting deadline.
- Use any block pattern, applique pattern, original creation etc. that you would like as long as the colors are represented and the project is quilted.
- No trading of paint chips between members, this is a challenge to get you out of your comfort zone.
- Save your paint chips for the big reveal at the general meeting due on **November 9th**.
- Paint chips must be displayed along with the finished product.

Please let Terry Hodges know if you need anything else. terrychodges@aol.com

AQG Plans for 2024

It's time to start thinking about ideas for next year's programs, workshop offerings and who will fill the Board Member positions.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the How Are We Doing survey. Several program and workshop ideas were suggested by the members and the Board is exploring how to make them happen. I think you'll be happy with next year's itinerary.

Board member positions are available to anyone interested. Everyone is eligible. You definitely don't have to be a veteran guild member or an experienced quilter to be on the Board. Just be you!

AQG needs new and fresh ideas. Being on the Board doesn't require anyone to fulfill the duties solely by themselves. Sharing responsibilities with a partner is encouraged. Currently there are a few Board members who have full time jobs and use technology to report information to the Board by email or text.

I encourage everyone to consider volunteering for a Board member position. Anyone interested may contact Sally Mirault to discuss the duties of each position and how it can fit into your schedule.

OUTREACH

Our next AQG donation event will be at the November Guild meeting on November 9, 2023.

AQG will accept Patriotic pillowcases, fidget quilts, and Joy bundles for Sutter Care at Home: veterans in hospice and dementia patients. We now donate to Sutter once a year in July.

AQG will accept colorful quilts and pillowcases for foster youth for EBCLO (East Bay Children's Law Office). These donations will continue to be twice a year, July and November.

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). At our most recent board meeting the purchase of batting was approved for the purposes of this committee.

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.

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

Sat – Sun Aug 19-20, 2023

Quilt Show: Delta Quilters Guild

Pearls of Wisdom, 30 year Quilt Anniversary Show

Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM, 2 day entrance fee - \$10

Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak Street, Brentwood



Fri – Sat Sep 15 – 16, 2023

Quilt Show: Sierra Quilt Guild of Tuolumne County

Friday 10AM - 5PM, Saturday 10AM - 4PM, 2 Day

Entrance Fee - \$10

Mother Lode Fairgrounds, 220 Southgate Dr, Sonora, CA 95370, USA

Sierra Gold Harvest Quilt Show

October 6 & 7 2023, Fri. 10am-4pm and Sat. 10am-4pm

The show is held at the [Amador County Fairgrounds](#) and features over 120 entries including stunning quilts and wearable art. We also have: an inspiration quilt, a silent auction, vendors, gift baskets, and a country store.



Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild

Falling Leaves Quilt Show – Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild

October 7 & 8, 2023 10 AM - 4 PM, \$10.00

Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street, Lakeport, California, 95453

Our quilt show is an annual event held on the first full weekend in October. This year's feature artist is Anelie Belden. There is open judging on our quilts, vendors, Country Store with homemade items, Silent Auction, and demonstrations.



PIQF is back on the schedule. Whatever issues were happening have been ironed (pun intended) out.

Make plans now for your car pool and visiting hours. If you've never been – it is a must-not-miss.



Beauty on the River 2023 Quilt Show - Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Guild

November 4 & 5, 2023 10 AM - 5 PM, \$7.00

2 Alverda Drive, Oroville, California, 95966

11/4 & 11/5/2023 10am-5pm both days. Featured Quilter will be Shirley Scofield. We will have Vendors, Door Prizes, raffle baskets, a quilters boutique, and of course lots of quilts. Hope to see you there.

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

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. You can submit photos to alamedaquiltguild@gmail.com.

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OUTREACH DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who created, sewed, quilted, and donated to our outreach program.

As you heard at the meeting, our pillowcases, joy bundles, and quilts are cherished and treasured. The thanks we get and the stories we hear are heart-warming.

We produced 61 pillowcases and 42 quilts, including one from our new Community Finishers group for foster youth in Alameda County. They were received by Roxanne Rommel, Esq. and Kristen Mateer, Director of the East Bay Children's Law Office.

We produced 40 pillowcases, 3 fidget quilts, and 61 joy bundles for veterans and dementia patients through Sutter Care at Home Services. They were received by Jorge de Paz, Volunteer Coordinator.

PINECONE WORKSHOP

A good time was had by all at the AQG July workshop.





AQG Volunteer Opportunities

Make friends. Learn from each other and share what we know. AQG mission statement.

All positions are a minimum 2 year term

President

- Lead board meetings
- Create agendas with Secretary's input
- Lead the guild and board meetings

President Elect

Works with the President for her first year to learn what is involved in being President. Then takes over as President the following year.

Secretary

- Does the minutes of board and guild meetings.
- Is the corresponding secretary, sending notes and any other mailings the guild should decide upon, both to members and to people and organizations outside the guild.

Treasurer

- Collect and disburse all funds
- Maintain the official records and present them for inspection annually
- Give the financial report at the meetings
- Propose a budget to the board
- Obtain insurance forms each year
- Maintain the Gmail account
- Hold the second PO box key

- Working knowledge of **Excel or other system for financials.**

Membership

On site- person

- Receive and collect new/returning membership applications and fees
- Making sure the membership table is manned and creating a check in sheet at guild meetings.
- Giving a report of membership attendance and visitors at guild meetings
- Collecting lanyards and nametags at the end of each guild meeting

Data entry person

- Working knowledge of **computers**
- Maintain a data base of members contact information
- Produce a yearly membership directory
- Create and maintain membership cards and name tags.

AQG Volunteer Opportunities

Committee Chairpersons

All positions are a minimum 2 year term.

Retreat Coordinator

- Contact person between the guild and the retreat site
- Researches possible retreat venues, with input from guild members
- With the board, sets the time and place and any program for the retreat
- Provides a sign- up list for members and determines deposit fee.
- Determines total retreat cost, fee schedule and collection dates in consultation with the treasurer
- Organizes room requests and any special dietary or mobility needs with the venue
- Responsible for arriving early to the retreat site for set up and being last to leave the site to guarantee everything is in good order

Hospitality

- Purchase paper products and beverages for guild meetings, and bring them to the meetings
- Set up and prepare beverages and set out the food
- Organizes AQG social events throughout the year including the AQG birthday party in January and holiday party in December.
- Clean up kitchen and food and beverage areas at the end of the meeting.

Program Chairperson / NCQC Rep

- Attend 3 NCQC (Northern California Quilt Council) meetings in Jan. April & July
- With information received from NCQC meetings the program chairs will propose to the board three or four speakers for each year

- Make and secure contracts for speakers
- Arranges housing, meals and introduce and help the speaker set up and take down for the meeting.

Outreach

- Is the contact person for organizations who receive the quilts, pillowcases & joy bundles from AQG, including arranging for a speaker from each organization to come and speak about their group at our December holiday party.
- Collects and arranges quilts to go out to each organization in July and November

Opportunity Quilt Coordinator

- Makes arrangements and is the contact person with outside quilt guilds who want to show their opportunity quilts at AQG meetings.

Newsletter

- With input from the board, writes and edits the newsletter called The Bridge once a month.
- Distributes the newsletter electronically to members.
- Must be comfortable with computers, detail oriented, organized and good with words.

Block of the Moment

- Chooses the block, makes up fabric and instruction packets four times a year for members to purchase.
- Must feel comfortable with quilt block construction.

Webmaster

- Must feel comfortable with computers. The website is basically a “drag and drop” format.
- Will need to update the website on an as needed basis. This could include updating the calendar of events, board members, membership fees, monthly newsletter, and any changes/additions that AQG makes to the organization.

Friendship Group Coordinator

- You are the contact person with each friendship group
- Keep a list of all group’s members, the time and day of all meetings and when openings happen in a group.
- Once a year ask guild members who would like to join a friendship group, coordinate the addition of new members into existing groups and start new groups as need dictates.

Special Events Coordinator

- Arrange for group trips, to quilt shows or quilt stores and any other trips you wish to organize.
- Duties include: sign-ups, money collection, transportation, food and pre-trip shop arrangements
- Coordinates the mini weekend retreat: sets the venue and dates for the retreat and arranges for food

Publicity

- In January requests the boards input as to where they would like publicize for the coming year
- In February puts ads in newspapers and implements any other advertising requested by the board
- Keeps and puts up the small and large AQG banners when needed.

Workshop Coordinator

- Responsible for signing members up each month for the monthly workshops.
- Collecting workshop samples from teachers.
- Contacting the workshop venue to make sure everything is ready for the teacher every month.

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