



# THE BRIDGE

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December is like a patchwork quilt. It features various traditions celebrated within our community that results in a harmonious combination. January is now a time to look forward to new adventures, workshops, guest speakers, etc. I'm excited to move full steam ahead and embrace the position of AQG's President now that December is in my rearview mirror.

It will be a year filled with a variety of interesting programs that I think you'll find both informative and entertaining. Two Zoom meetings will be offered during our cold winter months. The first one is this month so you can cuddle up and stay warm at home.

2023 here we come!

Sally Mirault, AQG President

## UPCOMING DATES

Thurs, Jan 12	7pm Zoom General meeting. A link will be sent out on Wednesday. Brandy Mesolowski will share her quilting journey from firefighter to quilter.
Sat, Jan 14	10am – 4pm Workshop – Paper Piecing, Corica Golf Course
Tues, Jan 17	1pm – 2:30pm Board mtg Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Sat, Jan 21	1pm – 2:30pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom This will be the Jelly Roll Race
Thurs, Jan 26	2pm – 3:30pm AQG in the Park

Coming! Retreat 2023 will be May 1 - 5. Mark your calendar.

***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 12

Join AQQ for our January ZOOM meeting to hear from the Quilter on Fire, Brandy Maslowski. She will be coming to us from Victoria, B.C. Canada. A former firefighter, Brandy is now a passionate quilter, and fiber artist. She has a podcast "Quilter on Fire" that broadcasts on Tuesdays at 1 pm Pacific Time. Check out her website at <http://www.quilteronfire.com>. I am sure we will enjoy her presentation as she empowers us to embrace our artistic sides and find our inner creative zones. Leslie Sorenson

## MEMBERSHIP

Reminder to send your renewal in before the January meeting so you will be able to ZOOM.

Renewals continue, \$50.00 for the year. Please check the member information and let me know if there are any corrections. Carole King, [king.carole@gmail.com](mailto: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, Sally Mirault, Heidi Schultz,  
Mary Anne Rauen



## WORKSHOP – SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 10am to 4pm

***January 14 - Paper Piecing, Part A – Teacher Terry Hodges, Fee \$10.00***

This class is for the beginner, a first - time paper piecer, there will be an intermediate class offered in November. Paper piecing is sewing on paper and fabric and then tearing off the paper. This insures perfect blocks with beautiful points and intersections. This method is great for bias cut pieces such as triangles.

The class will be at the Corica Golf Course from 10am – 4pm. The community rooms are adjacent to the pro shop.

There are only 3 spots remaining. Email [terryhodes@aol.com](mailto:terryhodes@aol.com)

## 2023 JELLY ROLL RACE – SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1pm

Join us on Zoom for our Jelly Roll Jam Race. The link will be sent on the preceding Thursday. See the instructions here. You need to prep 30 blocks, so start now and join in the fun! There will be prizes. This will make a great donation quilt.

If you have questions you can contact Terry Hodges, [terryhodes@aol.com](mailto:terryhodes@aol.com)

## ZOOM REMINDERS

The link for Sew 'N Chat will be sent out the previous Thursday. Zoom regularly updates its desktop and mobile app, be sure you have updated to the latest version.

There is open audio for Sew 'N Chat. Please be aware of background noise- TV, radio, cell phone, dogs, cats, etc. It may not sound loud to you - but the rest of us can hear it.



## Jelly Roll Jam Quilt Race

For the race on January 21<sup>st</sup> - a Sew & Chat Day 1 PM

Have ready 30- 10 1/2 x 10 1/2 " blocks. The race is assembling those 30 blocks.

Prizes will be awarded.

What you need: for a 50 " x 60" quilt

**FABRIC:**

40 2 1/2 " strips (one jelly roll); you can also cut your own strips.

Backing 3 1/2 yards

Binding 1/2 yard

**PREP:**

Sew WOF strips into 8 sets of 5.

Sub-cut into 4- 10 1/2 x 10 1/2 " blocks each, for a total of 32 (only 30 are used).

On the day of the race:

You will sew together the 30 blocks as you see in the diagram.

### BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

Due to the Zoom meeting in January, we will resume Block of the Moment at the general meeting, on Thursday, Feb 9.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy New Year.  
Joy Beireis-Molnar and Suzanne Duran

### AQG IN THE PARK – Thurs, January 26

Join us on Thursday, January 26 at 2pm for friends, show 'n tell, and kiss-it-goodbye. We meet just inside the High St entrance of Lincoln Park.

### AQG WORKSHOPS 2023

Thanks to those who have volunteered, we have a full calendar of workshops for next year. If, however, you have a brilliant idea for a future workshop, let us know. Schedules can change.

If you are willing to help the Guild, please contact Terry Hodges. Text: 510 846-8272 or email: [terryhodges@aol.com](mailto:terryhodges@aol.com)

### Workshop schedule for 2023

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



**February 11 – Convergence Quilt** – Teacher Leslie Sorenson, Fee \$10.00,  
Time: 10am - 2:30pm

Ricky Tims says, "a Convergence quilt is a quilt that features two or more designs that are cut into strips and then merged together". Leslie will be demonstrating the basic steps and this will give you a chance to try the techniques and finish your mini quilt at home. There are no rules for Convergence quilts, but there are guidelines. You will all have fun seeing the "magic" as your fabric comes together.

This class is full!



**March 11 – Convergence Quilt – Teacher Leslie Sorenson, Fee \$10.00, Time: 10am - 2:30pm**

This is a repeat. See the class description above. This class has 3 spaces left – email Terry to enroll.



**April 15 – Tricks to Making Curves – Teacher: Jennifer Serr – Fee \$10.00**

Are curves a challenge for you? This is the class for you. You will learn tips and techniques to get smooth curves.

(Jennifer is the owner of The Sewing Room here in Alameda, see her website for her extensive sewing experience.)



**May 13 – Quillow and Mother's Day Tea – Teacher Terry Hodges, Total fee \$20.00 (\$10.00 + \$10.00 Tea)**

Let's make a quilt in a pillow, a quillow. A lap sized quilt that rolls up into a pillow.

You will need to have an 18" pieced, appliqued or embroidered block ready for class. In the afternoon we will have a small tea party.



**June 10 – Pomegranate Flowers Wall Hanging - Teacher Joan Beall, Kit Fee \$20.00 (includes everything you need for class), Book fee \$10.00**

This is a workshop featuring Kumiko Sudo's 15" square wall hanging. It includes shashiko and applique techniques. The kit and book are needed for this class.



**July 8 – Holiday Ornament – Teachers Susan Correa & Terry Hodges, Fee \$10.00, Kit fee \$5.00**

Celebrate the holidays in July by making this pinecone ornament, it can be made for Thanksgiving, Christmas or Hanukkah. These would make great centerpiece table decorations, place cards or gifts. This is a no sew class. This easy to do project is a great way to spend a summer day.



**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.



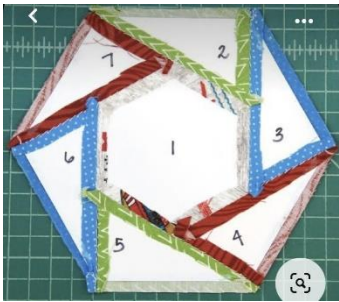
**September 9 & 10 (Sat. & Sun.) - Sidelights - Teacher Valerie Yeaton,  
Fee \$30.00 + pattern**

Valerie formerly taught at Quilt Fans and since its closing she has taught at The Cotton Patch and several other stores in the East Bay.

This project was designed to showcase a large print or panel. Start with your feature fabric and add a few coordinating pieces to produce a stunning wall hanging, lap quilt, or throw. Finished size is approximately 47" x 63".

**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 December. 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!

**OUTREACH**

We have pillowcase kits and fidget kits, as well as quilt labels available. You can also make a pillowcase (s) from your stash. Search for "burrito pillowcase".

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.

**OUTREACH – REPORT AND THANK YOU – FROM Jeanne Heffernan**

I'm pleased to report the donation numbers from our December Outreach Event.

- There were 41 quilts donated; 12 went to Midway Shelter, 29 went to EBCLO (foster children).
- There were 161 pillowcases donated; 22 went to Midway, 139 went to EBCLO.
- There were 72 Joy Bundles donated; 8 went to Midway, 46 went to EBCLO.
- There were 8 Fidget Quilts donated; they all went to Sutter Care at Home.
- One patriotic pillowcase went to Sutter Hospice Veterans program.
- There were additional donations of items remaining from the boutique. Placemats/napkins went to Midway and the triangular bags were distributed to Midway and EBCLO.

All 3 charities replied already their very appreciated thank yous for our generous spirit of giving donations to benefit and uplift their clients. Additionally, I would like to thank the efforts of all the members who contributed to our guild's dedication to Alameda County and Alameda City children, women of domestic violence, and veterans.

And thanks to all those helpers on the night of giving who helped display, count, and sew labels (only one this year). Then they refolded the quilts, packed them, and carried them to cars in the rain. Those special members are: Marcy Pauline, Marge McLean, Linda Ganfield, Rachelle King, Lu Burton, and Helene Young.

## 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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>**.
- Paint chips must be displayed along with the finished product.

Please let Terry Hodges know if you need anything else. [terryhodes@aol.com](mailto:terryhodes@aol.com)

### AQG ROAD TRIPS

Our first one will be Saturday March 25th to the San Francisco Quilt Show in San Francisco. Drivers are needed to take 3-4 members with them to the show. Can you drive some members?  
If so email Terry Hodges to let her know. [terryhodes@aol.com](mailto:terryhodes@aol.com)

### LOCAL RESOURCES

We all bemoan the lack of a fabric store in Alameda – but are you aware of the resources we do have?

**Recrafting** (an AQG affiliate) has a variety of fabrics and tools. It is a consignment shop, so check back often. 2449 Santa Clara

**Needle in a Haystack** has threads and needles. It can be tricky to find. Check online and give them a call.

**The Sewing Room** has fabric and patterns.  
2434 Webb

### 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](mailto:terryhodes@aol.com) if you can volunteer or you can nominate someone in the guild you know has an interesting journey to share.

**A THANK YOU** - From: Virginia Krutilek (Midway Shelter)

A bit late in getting to my email .. but, 'Yes' did find your bag of place mats and napkins ... they look great. thanks so much ..they should make nice additions to some of the Move-in kits that are assembled for the 'graduating' clients. last evening was a lovely event ... thoroughly enjoyed it . the quilts are all so colorful and special..

Many thanks, Ginny

## SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Rachelle King: I will be performing in the musical comedy Something Rotten at the Bankhead in Livermore. The show runs Jan 14 to Jan 29. Tickets are on sale now on the Bankhead website.

Gigi Jensen and her mom Pat Mc Laughlin mailed a Christmas card to the Guild from their home in Spokane Valley, WA. They wrote the following message: "To the gang at our favorite quilt guild! Wishing you all the joys of this sparkling season. Hugs to all, Gigi & Pat"

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

## FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

If you would like to join one or start a new one, email Terry Hodges. ([terryhodges@aol.com](mailto:terryhodges@aol.com))

- Threaders- 1st Tuesday is full
- TBD - 1st Thursday 2- 4:30pm - 1 opening, we do machine work, contact [kerwindorothy@gmail.com](mailto:kerwindorothy@gmail.com)
- PieceMakers - 4th Tuesday at 10am is full. They do hand work only.
- No Name - 4th Thursday is full

## NEWS YOU CAN USE -

### Long Arm Quilting Services

RoseAnn Minafo of Malcolm Hill Quilts is offering long arm quilting. Call for quotes.

She is at 493 Dolores Ave, San Leandro, 415 828-6296,

[malcolmhillquilts@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmhillquilts@gmail.com)

## EVENTS

### QUILT San Francisco 2023

Friday, March 24, 2023 10 AM - Saturday 25, 5 PM

\$15.00 The Event Center at St. Mary's Cathedral 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco, California, 94109

Our Quilt San Francisco 2023 is March 24 & 25. Guest Artist is Joe Cunningham and Featured Artist is Barbara Strick. Special exhibits - Rod Kiracoft Quilt Collection etc. and 300 Member quilts.

Send submissions to the newsletter editor - [kerwindorothy@gmail.com](mailto:kerwindorothy@gmail.com)

## QUILT SHOW – UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

An AIDS quilt display at Gleason library USF Dec 1 - Feb 17, 2023



### The New Thacher Exhibit Explores the Legacy of the AIDS Quilt

Stitching Communities and the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be at Thacher Gallery in Gleason Library from Dec. 1–Feb. 17. The exhibit explores the artistic and cultural legacies of the quilt honoring people lost to HIV/AIDS since the 1980s. The gallery, celebrating its 25th anniversary, is free and open to the public daily, noon to 6 p.m.



## A CORRECTION TO HISTORY

In the history presentation at the December meeting, the name of Kathleen Fennelly was inadvertently omitted. She was one of the early movers and shakers of the Guild. Thank you.

## 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](mailto:alamedaquiltguild@gmail.com).

## 2022 AFFILIATES

The Sewing Room, 2434 Webb Ave

510 332 9002

[thesewingroomalameda.com](http://thesewingroomalameda.com)

The Recrafting Company 2449 Santa Clara

510 263 0249

[www.therecraftingco.com](http://www.therecraftingco.com)

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

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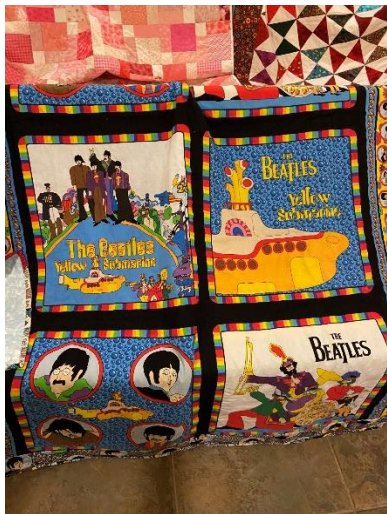
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## The December Outreach Donations



Our intrepid Organizers!  
Helene Young and Jeanne Heffernan









## Work by Our Members



Cupcakes by Rachelle King



Jeanne Heffernan



Joan Beall