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Share what we know.
Learn from each other.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you know that March is the equivalent of September in the Southern Hemisphere? Me neither. Not only that, but every year March and June finish on the same day of the week. It's true, I looked at past calendars just to be sure.

Many people think March is the least productive month on average. Normally that may be the case, but this month I'm feeling especially motivated to finish a small stack of UFO's. Truth be told, you could say my incentive has a little something to do with being able to check off multiple squares on the AQG BINGO Challenge. How's your BINGO game card coming along?

Rose Minafo will be the speaker at this month's meeting. Rose is an AQG member and a long-arm quilter. She'll describe what's involved in preparing a quilt even before the machine is turned on. But, more importantly, what we need to do in advance of handing the quilt over to her. Rose will share a lot of interesting and valuable information. I hope you don't let inclement weather keep you from coming to the meeting. It's guaranteed to be a good one!

Welcome Spring, new life, new adventures, new friends.
Be Happy! Sally Mirault, President

UPCOMING DATES

Sat, Mar 9	Workshop – Confetti Quilt – Carol Cislowski 10 am Corica Golf Course
Thurs, Mar 14	7 pm General Mtg
Sat, Mar 16	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat - Zoom Look for Zoom link
Tue, Mar 19	1 pm Board Meeting at Trinity Lutheran 1323 Central Ave
Tue, Mar 26	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, March 14

Our speaker will be one of our own members, Rose Minafo. She'll give us the inside information on how exactly a long arm quilter works and what is required for the proper preparation. You don't want to miss this.

There will also be Kiss-It-Goodbye. See you there.

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 66. Welcome new member Debbie Falzone.

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

Carole

MARCH 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 March BOM- it is the Plus Block. The kit with pre cut pieces and instructions is \$2. Available in different colors and also in negative or positive pluses.

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

SEW ALONG PATTERNS

Look for the next flower pattern at the March meeting.

SEW 'N CHAT – Sat, March 16

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

Look for the zoom link on Thurs, Mar 14.

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

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. 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.

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.

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.

There are still spots available. Email me to reserve. 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!

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



FOR SALE

Vintage sewing machine cabinet FREE! We will deliver to you. Email terrychodges@aol.com for info

FOR SALE

One year old Singer 9960 Computerized Sewing and Quilting machine. Originally \$500, selling for \$250.

Includes accessory kit, extension table 1,172 stitch applications & electronic Auto Pilot mode, outer case and more. Contact Pat Smith at pae1smith@hotmail.com



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Rachelle King is choreographing Pal Joey at Altarena Theatre here in Alameda. The show runs March 29th to April 28th.

Send items to kerwindorothy@gmail.com

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2024

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

- March 14:* Speaker (and member) Rose Minafo, "What you Need to Know about Long-Arm Quilting"
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.



March 9 – Confetti Quilt – Teacher Carol Cislowski, 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 – 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)

Mar 9th-10th Saturday 10 – 5 and Sunday 10 – 4.

Quilt Show: Yuba Sutter Valley Quilt Guild - Colors of the Valley" our 41st quilt show
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave, Yuba City, CA 95991

This is the first year we will be displaying all the quilts on our new poles and drapes, and we are excited about the new look. As always, we will have the challenge quilts displayed (the challenge required the use of selvages), over 200 beautiful quilts of many colors, and our yearly windsocks hanging from the ceiling. Our featured quilter is Mary Marusin, one of our guild members. Like last year, we will have an "Avenue of Valor", displaying quilts that members of the guild have made to present to local veterans at the end of the show. Quilts- raffles - demos - vendors – food. Admission \$8, free parking

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.

ZOOM BACKGROUND INFO

During the Zoom meeting on Thursday, one of the members posted the link below about how to add a personalized photo as a Zoom background. To have your own photo as a background:

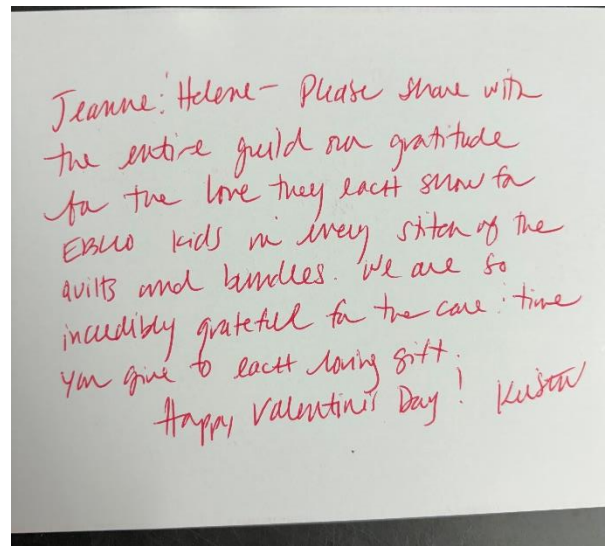
https://support.zoom.com/hc/en/article?id=zm_kb&sysparm_article=KB0063442#:~:text=Click%20the%20Account%20Settings%20link,Click%20Upload%20Image

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

This is a thank you note from EBCLC. (see below)



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.

Suzanne Duran
suzy.duran@gmail.com

Carol Bernard
carols88@comcast.net

Pauline Marx
pauline.marx@gmail.com

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; EBCLC-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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MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 CHECK YOUR BINGO CARD!	5	6	7	8	9 10 am Workshop Corica Golf Course
10 Daylight Savings begins	11	12	13	14 7pm General Mtg Trinity Lutheran	15	16 1pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom
17	18	19 1pm AQG Board Mtg Trinity Lutheran	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 11am – 3pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran	27	28	29	30
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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.

Subject: New Class Offering: Piecing a Picture Quilt

Date: February 12, 2024 at 11.05 AM

To: marobin5464@yahoo.com

New Pieces Quilt shop

Shop Hours: Open Seven Days Weekly!

Monday–Friday 10a–3p, Saturday 10a–5p, Sunday 12–4p

Betsy Habich, Artist in Residence in the upcoming Empty Spools Seminars will be teaching here at New Pieces!

DayLily Portrait: Piecing a Picture Quilt

Using one of Betsy Habich's original patterns, learn to piece a picture quilt with freezer paper templates.

Betsy is an accomplished quilt and thread painting artist and one of this years Artist in Residence at the Empty Spool Seminars in Asilomar.

She has won awards at regional quilt shows and exhibits her work in a multitude of venues. New Pieces Quilt Shop has the opportunity to bring one of her most popular classes to our shop for one day only

Learn to see fabric differently, piece precisely, handle curves and finish your quilt with a facing instead of traditional binding. Space is limited to 10 participants.



March 9, 2024
Call the shop to reserve your spot

10:30 AM to 3:30 PM
510-527-6779