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Learn from each other.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the past, I've always failed the half square triangle accuracy test. Well, not this time! You may remember last month I mentioned I needed to make a baby quilt for a new grandson. Even though I picked a simple pattern, it required 48 HST's. What was I thinking? I took a deep breath, pulled up my big girl panties, steeled my spine, and was determined not to let those little buggers get the best of me.

Focusing on the 7/8" mark on my ruler has always been my nemesis. Say it along with me, "NOT THIS TIME!" I laid two strips of fabric RST, secured them with pins without moving a thread and cut lots of 5 7/8" squares – 24 to be exact. With the precision of a surgeon, I marked the sewing and cutting lines at a perfect 45-degree angle.

As tedious as this process was, I kept my eye on the accuracy goal. Now, fast forward past sewing and cutting in half. My next hurdle was pressing them flat. Yep, pressing not ironing. Laura Nownes was right! Treat those bias edges with respect and they'll give you exactly what you want – perfect HSTs.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy 4th of July! I'll shout hello if I see you along the parade route. Sally Mirault

UPCOMING DATES

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| Thurs, July 13 | 7pm General mtg at Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central. Outreach Donations |
| Sat, July 8 | 10am – 4pm Workshop – - Corica Golf Course |
| Sat, July 15 | 1pm – 3:30pm Sew 'N Chat by Zoom |
| Tues, July 18 | 1pm – 2:30pm Board mtg Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central |
| Thurs, July 28 | 2pm – 3:30pm AQQ in the Park – Lincoln Park @ High Street Featuring the Kiss-it-goodbye table. Clear out your stash / Find a new project |

The next Open Sew will be August 29, the 5th Tuesday of the month.

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, JULY 13

This is our semi-annual outreach donation meeting. Bring your completed projects: Patriotic pillowcases, fidget quilts, and Joy bundles for Sutter Care at Home serving veterans in hospice and dementia patients.

We will also be accepting colorful quilts and pillowcases for foster youth for EBCLO (East Bay Children's Law Office). This is our way of giving back to our community and a way for you to showcase your talents and put your stash to good use.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 71 members. Welcome new members Mitzi Wong-Nguyen and Pat Smith.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Michelle Johnston, Joann Stewart, Debbie Manchester, Jean Wolslegel, Laural Hanson, Marge Mclean, Gigi Jensen

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT



July's BOM is the Patriotic Star. Kits will be on sale for \$2 at the July 13th meeting.

May's BOM, the fish block, should be returned at the July meeting for the drawing to see who wins the blocks to give them a good start on a new project.

SEW 'N CHAT – Sat, July 15

Our next Zoom connection will be Saturday, July 15– 1pm to 3:30 pm.

Look for the link on Thursday, July 13.

AQG IN THE PARK – Thurs, July 27

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

AQG SEW ALONG

Join our Sew Along in August. Each month you can pick up a pattern ONLY at our meeting. From August to April you will make a block and at the end you will put them together to make your completed quilt.

In June we will display our quilts at the Guild meeting. Registration will begin at July's meeting.

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

This will include a faux binding technique.



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

I will be asking for workshop teachers at July's meeting.

Remember our mission statement: ***Make friends. Share what we know. Learn from each other.***

If you want workshops to continue, volunteer! Think of something you enjoy doing and consider sharing it by teaching a workshop. Even better - ask a friend and do it together. Terry Hodges

MINI-RETREAT – Sept 23 & 24

There are 2 spaces left for September 23 & 24 at High Street Station Event Center.

It's a \$98.00 fee with a \$50.00 (non refundable deposit). This includes two lunches. It's lots of fun and there are prizes every hour.

You can email Terry Hodges at terrychodges@aol.com

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Sally Mirault became a grandma for the 5th time on June 21 when baby boy Bobby was born at 8:37pm. Everyone is doing well and his big sister is especially thrilled.

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



Laraine Salmon's husband is planning a memorial service for his dear wife. It will be on Sunday, July 23 at 4 p.m. at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 1 Seawall Dr (the end of University Avenue). All are welcome. It is an opportunity to share photos, stories, and memories about Laraine and her life of creativity and adventure. It will mean so much to Mark to see and hear how much Laraine was loved and admired.

Laraine with one of her many blue ribbons.

AQG PROGRAMS FOR 2023

July – Game Night; Donation event

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.

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 July Guild meeting on July 13, 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 EBCLC (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; 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). 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.



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.

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.



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 known for her modern split blade Dresden Plate. There is open judging on our quilts, vendors, Country Store with homemade items, Silent Auction, and demonstrations.



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.

FOR SALE

Bernina Stitch Regulator (BSR). This retails for \$900, make an offer.

30 Bernina bobbins - metal with the 8 ovals around the edge and 4 ovals in center - \$20.00.

Most are filled with different colors of Aurifil thread.

Bernina embroidery attachment - \$50.00. Used with the 640, but will work on some other models.

Bernina #3C for buttonholes, Bernina #5 for blindstitch and edge stitch, Bernina #10 foot for edge stitching and stitching in the ditch, Bernina #20C for open embroidery. All feet \$5.00

Contact Carole King - king.carole@gmail.com

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| 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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