



THE BRIDGE

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is in the air. The taste of pumpkin spice can be added to our muffins and lattes. Ghosts and goblins will soon be knocking on doors in search of sweet treats.

Spring is still my favorite season, but I also think autumn is pretty darn special. Friends and families gather to watch football or cheer encouragement from the sidelines of community sponsored soccer games.

It's also the time to go on a shop-hop road trip with friends. Or, maybe you prefer to snuggle under a cozy quilt and catch up on your reading. Whatever you choose to do, I hope it gives you comfort and peace.

Sally Mirault, AQG President

UPCOMING DATES

Thurs, Oct 12	7 pm General mtg at Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Sat, Oct 14	10am – 4pm Donation Sewing Day Corica Golf Course
Tues, Oct 17	1 pm – 2:30 pm Board mtg Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Sat, Oct 21	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat Look for Zoom link
Tues, Oct 24	11am – 3pm Open Sew at Trinity Lutheran
Thurs, Oct 26	2 pm – 3:30 pm AQG in the Park – Lincoln Park @ High Street. Featuring the Kiss-it-goodbye table. Clear out your stash / Find a new project

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, October 12

We'll present four different quilting techniques. Come and learn something new or refresh a skill you haven't used in a while.

Thank you to the volunteers who make these events possible. See you there!

MEMBERSHIP

We have a new member, Sandra Pilon, bringing our total to 73 members.

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

MaryAnn Rose, Rikki Henneman

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT



October's BOM is another scrapbuster block.

This is the Potato Chip block, you can't make just one!

Suzanne Duran, BOM co-chair

Rikki Henneman was the winner of the September blocks.

AQG IN THE PARK – Thurs, October 26

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

SEW 'N CHAT – Sat, October 21

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

Look for the link on Thursday, Oct 19

AQG SEW ALONG

Sew Along registration is closed. Don't forget to pick up this month's pattern at the next guild meeting.

PAINT CHIP MINI QUILT CHALLENGE

Challenge mini quilts will be due at the November 9 guild meeting.

Don't forget to bring your paint chips.

DONATION SEWING DAY – Sat, October 14

Sign up to participate in the Donation Sew-In at Corica Golf Course on October 14. This is a no cost workshop. Sew your quilts, fidget quilts, joy bundles and pillowcases with other members.

Enjoy a day of fun and lunch at Jim's, while helping others. Remember the next donation day is November 9.

Workshop schedule for 2023

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



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 PROGRAMS FOR 2023

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.

LAYER CAKE LAPS

We'll sew Layer Cake laps at the January Sew 'N Chat.

Pick up info at this month's guild meeting.

NEEDLES AND THREAD DEMYSTIFIED

Jennifer Serr is an AQG member and owner of *The Sewing Room* in Alameda who also publishes a Blog dedicated to sewing and fashion. Jennifer shared her knowledge about needles and thread in a recent article and has granted AQG permission to post a link to the Blog.

<https://www.thesewingroomalameda.com/fashion-studies-blog/2023/9/4/needles-and-thread-demystified>

AQG thanks Jennifer for generously sharing her research and information. Her contribution helps our guild thrive.

SECRET PAL SIGN-UPS

Secret Pal sign ups will be at the October & November guild meetings. Pick up your information sheet then.

Surprise a fellow member with a small gift every month, how much you spend is up to you.

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.

AQG RETREAT – JUNE 17 - 21, 2024

The 2024 annual retreat is at the Mercy Center in Auburn June 17-21. Registration opens up at the December guild meeting.

Save your spot with a \$100.00 deposit.

Terry Hodges - Coordinator

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

Alameda Quilt Guild has an opportunity to exhibit at the Frank Bette Art Center in Alameda in November of 2024. The art center has gallery space, classes, and events.

The quilt show would hang in the Signature Gallery at the art center for a full month. The gallery usually hosts an artist's reception at the beginning of the exhibit month. In addition to showing our quilts, we see this as an opportunity to get to know and collaborate with the artists and teachers at Frank Bette and to raise our visibility in the community, letting people know who we are and what we do.

We're trying to quickly gauge the level of interest in participating, so please get in touch with one of our committee members to discuss your interest.

Here are some facts to consider:

- All work would need 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, 2024. A hanging sleeve is required.
- Minimum size could be 12 inches x 12 inches. We don't have a maximum size yet.
- 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 carols88@comcast.net

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SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Our condolences to member Joan Beall on the death of her husband, David. He will be missed.

Send news 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

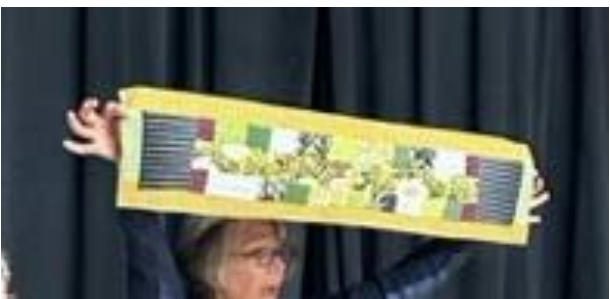
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QUILTS AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING





FUN AT THE MINI-RETREAT





AQG Volunteer Opportunities

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

All positions are a minimum 2 year term – and can be shared with a friend.

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 and can be shared with a friend.

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.
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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 AQQ 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 AQQ 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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