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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For many years a Jewish friend of mine has invited me to the first night of Passover for a Seder meal. It was his favorite celebration because he knew there were millions of people throughout the world sharing the same experience with their families and friends.

I have the same feeling about the unique American tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving. My mind's eye doesn't picture the classic Norman Rockwell painting – it's more like a blending of rural and urban customs, resources, and skin tones. This year, and every year, I'm grateful for my family and for all of you.

Being AQG's president has been a privilege and I thank you for your support and friendship.

Sally Mirault AQG President

UPCOMING DATES

Thurs, Nov 9	7 pm General mtg at Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central. Semi-annual Donation Event Paint Chip Challenge Due Special Show 'n Tell
Sat, Nov 11	10am – 4pm Workshop – Paper Piecing Corica Golf Course
Tues, Nov 14	1 pm – 2:30 pm Board mtg Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Sat, Nov 18	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat Look for Zoom link

Due to Thanksgiving, there will be no Open Sew this month.

AQG in the Park will be on hiatus until April 2024. See you then.

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, November 9

This is our semi-annual donation event. We will be accepting pillow cases, quilts, and joy bundles for Midway Shelter for women and children and for Alameda County foster youth. Please make sure your donations are labeled. If you need labels, contact Jeanne Heffernan or Helene Young.

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Paint Chip Challenge: Remember to bring your completed 18 x 18" block and your two paint chips to the November meeting. We will be voting on them, viewers choice & best color matching will be your choices for voting. Also remember to pick up your November Sew Along block.

The November guild meeting will include a special Show 'n Tell. As you may know, many of our guild members have hobbies and talents in addition to quilting. They include dress making, pottery, stained glass, jewelry, knitting, embroidery, and beyond! Wouldn't it be fun to see these creations? Anyone who has something to share is encouraged to bring a maximum of 2 items to our November 9th meeting for a special Show 'n Tell. Of course, quilts are welcome too. It will take place after our mid-meeting break.

MEMBERSHIP

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Jane Hageman, Joan Beall

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

Bring your finished Potato Chip block for the drawing. The next block will debut in January.

Suzanne Duran, BOM co-chair

PAINT CHIP MINI QUILT CHALLENGE

Challenge mini quilts are due at the November 9 guild meeting. Don't forget to bring your paint chips.

Come prepared to vote!

SEW 'N CHAT – Sat, November 18

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

Look for the link on Thursday, Nov 16

AQG SEW ALONG

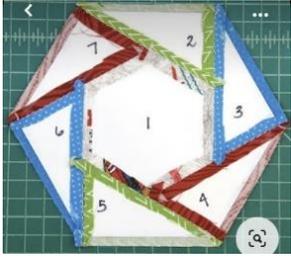
Sew Along registration is closed. Don't forget to pick up this month's pattern at the next guild meeting.

AQG IN THE PARK

This activity will be on hiatus until April, 2024. See you then.

Workshop schedule for 2023

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



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

November – Donation Event, Show & Tell
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 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 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 now has a confirmed date for our exhibit at the Frank Bette Art Center: the month of 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.

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SUNSHINE & SHADOWS



Member Gigi Jensen did well at the WSQ (Washington State Quilters) competition. Congratulations.

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)



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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 7 pm General Meeting	10	11
12	13	14 1 pm Board Meeting	15	16	17	18 1 pm Sew 'N Chat
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

OUR TALENTED MEMBERS



Example of the difference a background makes.



Quilt as You Go Table Runner



Example of Layer Cake Lap Race quilt



Potato Chip block. Bet you can't make just one!

Thank you to all those who demonstrated techniques at the October meeting. We learn from each other!

