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Share what we know.
Learn from each other.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you know there's more to celebrate in February than Valentine's Day? Just to name a few, there's National Wear Red Day to bring greater attention to heart disease, Library Lovers Day, Ice Cream for Breakfast Day (my favorite), Spunky Old Broads Month (a close second) and Declutter for a Cause Month.

Decluttering makes me think about our annual fundraiser auction this month. I encourage you to sort through your "stash" and find something(s) to donate to the auction. Consider items you haven't used, can't remember why you bought them or don't like anymore. It may be exactly what someone else is looking for!

Remember, love makes the world go round, but laughter keeps us from getting dizzy. Have a good month.

Sally Mirault, AQG President

UPCOMING DATES

Thurs, Feb 9	7pm General mtg at Trinity, 1323 Central Our World Famous Auction! Don't Miss It!
Sat, Feb 11	10am – 2:30pm Workshop – Convergence Quilt Corica Golf Course
Sat, Feb 18	1pm – 2:30pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom
Tues, Feb 21	1pm – 2:30pm Board mtg Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Thurs, Feb 23	2pm – 3:30pm AQG in the Park Featuring the Kiss-it-goodbye table. Clear out your stash / Find a new project
Tues, Feb 28	11am – 3pm Open Sew at Trinity

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 – AUCTION - 7pm, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Join us for our annual auction fun. This is a fund raiser for the Guild as well as a way to re-purpose fabric, kits, and sewing items (new or like-new) that you no longer need. We ask each of you to bring an item – fat quarters, yardage, sewing tools, ... Use your imagination. Keep in mind that this is a fund raiser, so ask yourself if this is something *you* would bid on.

Don't forget the mystery bags offered by Board members – each worth its weight in gold! Bring money and your checkbook and your sense of fun.

This is also the time to sign up for future workshops, check out openings for the retreat, buy the Block of the Moment, and pick up your paint chips for the challenge quilt (due in November).

Secret Pals will exchange their first gifts – prepare to be surprised.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back Ruth Colombo and welcome to new member Marlene Miller.

We currently have 64 members. 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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Diane Simoni, Rita Virgil, Bonnie Leber, Kathleen Fennelly



BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

Look for the Block of the Moment at the general meeting, on Thursday, Feb 9.

It will be due at the general meeting in April.
Joy Beireis-Molnar and Suzanne Duran

AQG IN THE PARK – Thurs, February 23

Join us on Thursday, February 23 at 2pm for friends, show 'n tell, and kiss-it-goodbye. We meet just inside the High St entrance of Lincoln Park.

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. Sign-ups at the February meeting.

Can you drive some members? If so, email Terry Hodges to let her know.
terryhodges@aol.com

ZOOM REMINDERS

The link for Sew 'N Chat will be sent out the preceding 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.

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 interested, please contact Terry Hodges. Text: 510 846-8272 or email: 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 2 spaces left – email Terry to enroll.



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

Join instructor Jennifer Serr on Saturday, April 15th from 10-4 for a lesson in sewing curves. We'll spend the first part of class learning different methods of sewing opposing curves using Drunkard's Path templates. The latter portion of the class will be spent learning how to construct the "Arabian Nights" block from A Quilter's Mixology by Angela Pingel. All pieces for the block have been precut and are ready to be sewn. The finished blocks will be assembled into a donation quilt benefitting the guild or one of our supported charities. \$10 for the class.

(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.



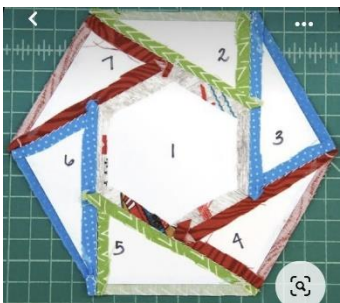
**September 9 & 10 (Sat. & Sun.) - Sidelights - Teacher Valerie Yeaton,
Fee \$30.00 + pattern**

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!

AQG ANNUAL RETREAT – May 1-5, 2023

There are THREE SPACES AVAILABLE!

The Mercy Center Retreat and Conference Center in Auburn will be hosting the Guild again this year for our Spring retreat, May 1 thru 5. There are currently 3 spaces available. The Member cost is \$475. If you would like to attend, please call Marge McLean, 510-909-4348, or chat with her at the February meeting.

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. terryhodges@aol.com

AQG PROGRAMS FOR 2023 (in person unless otherwise indicated)

February – Annual Auction

March (**Zoom**) – Speaker Michele Crawford. "Just Cut the Scrap"

April – Favorite book or tool sharing; how to present a historical quilt

May – Happy 8th birthday Potluck

June – Member extended Show & Tell

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

December – Holiday Potluck; Donation Event; Board Induction

All meetings are at 7pm. The in-person meetings are at Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central Ave.

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 terryhodges@aol.com if you can volunteer or you can nominate someone in the guild you know has an interesting journey to share.

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 (an AQG affiliate) has fabric and patterns. 2434 Webb

OUTREACH

The mission statement for AQG is make friends, share what we know, learn from each other. From the beginning there has always been an expectation that the guild will “outreach” into the community. As our membership has grown, it is worth repeating this idea.

As much as you are able, we would like to encourage each member to contribute one donation item each year. That could be a pillowcase (kits and instructions available), a joy bundle, a fidget quilt, or a quilt (twin size or larger). In addition, we supply patriotic themed pillowcases, fidget quilts, and bed quilts. We would love to have donations of red or white or blue fabrics to use for these projects.

If you’re making quilts, be sure to attach a quilt label. If you’re making joy bundles, please remember to attach a ribbon to tie the bundle. Joy bundles and fidget quilts also need a smaller quilt label.

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. Fabric donations can be made to Helene Young, Jeanne Heffernan, or Dorothy Kerwin.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Thank you to Terry Hodges for submitting this. Many of you may have known her.

On Saturday, December 3, 2022, **Cecilia Anita Franklin**, beloved mother, passed away at age 81. She was an accomplished seamstress and business owner.

In 1991, she opened Sew Images at its first location on Grand Avenue, Oakland. At the most recent location, the dealership became an integral part of the Piedmont Avenue Merchants Association and is notable for being a longstanding, woman and minority-owned business. At Sew Images, Cecilia sold premium machines, provided custom machine embroidery, repairs, offered personal consultations and instruction, hosted events and taught sewing classes. Her favorite classes to teach were the “Camp Sew Fun” summer courses attended by area children during summer break. Sew Images was in operation for 31 years.

Cecilia was known for her passion of spreading the “gospel and love of sewing” and was always eager to provide advice or demonstrate a difficult technique.

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

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

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

- Threaders- 1st Tuesday is full
- TBD - 1st Thursday 2- 4:30pm - 1 opening, we do machine work, contact 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

EVENTS

Sat – Sun, Feb 25th-26th

Pajaro Valley Quilt Association's 45th Annual Show "Through The Looking Glass"

Fri – Sun, Mar 3rd-5th

Quilt Show: Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild - Live the Adventure - Stitch by Stitch

www.folsomquilt.org Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma St, Folsom, CA 95630, USA

Sat – Sun, Mar 4th-5th

Quilt Show: Manteca Quilters Guild, Saturday 9-4, Sunday 9-3, Admission \$10 cash only
2707 Transworld Dr, Stockton, CA

Sat, Mar 4th

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County Zoom Workshop: Artful Couching, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Learn the art of couching with yarns to create texture, flow, and extra pizzazz. We will focus exclusively

Fri – Sat, Mar 24th-25th

Quilt Show: SF Quilters Guild, Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5

Admission \$15 or \$12 in advance. Admission good for both days, under 18 free.

Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St, San Francisco, CA 94109, USA

Sat – Sun, Apr 15th-16th

Quilt Show: Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County, 2023 - Celebrating 50 Years 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, USA

Sat – Sun, May 6th-7th

Quilt Show: Pine Tree Quilt Guild, Grass Valley - "Springtime in the Pines" Quilt Show

10am - 4pm both days www.pinetreequiltguild.com

Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95949, USA

Send submissions to the newsletter editor - 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.

RESULTS OF THE JELLY ROLL RACE – thanks to all who participated!



HAPPY QUILTERS FROM THE PAPER PIECING CLASS



Thank you Terry Hodges, instructor.

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.

2023 AFFILIATES

The Sewing Room, 2434 Webb Ave

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thesewingroomalameda.com

The Recrafting Company 2449 Santa Clara

510 263 0249

www.therecraftingco.com

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

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