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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe, but December holidays are upon us. You could say that December is one big holiday. It includes the big ones like Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, and New Year. I must admit I'm mostly looking forward to strolling down Thompson Avenue (aka Christmas Tree Lane) with my family to enjoy the festive decorations. It was an annual tradition when my kids were young, and it is again with their kids.

I'm really looking forward to our December meeting when we'll come together for a holiday party. This year's theme is Winter Solstice and we'll celebrate with a sing along, gift exchange, the installation of our 2024 board members and delicious food. There are no potluck police so please bring what your heart desires because, you know, everyone will LOVE it!

You're also encouraged to wear comfy, festive attire such as holiday-themed sweaters, sweats, head bobbers, necklaces, fun socks or whatever makes you happy.

This year has been a busy one. It was a great pleasure to serve as your 2023 guild president. Your support and encouragement have boosted my confidence and I look forward to serving as president again in 2024.

Happy Stitching, Sally Mirault, AQG President

UPCOMING DATES

Thurs, Dec 14	7 pm General mtg at Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central. Holiday Party - Pot luck
Sat, Dec 16	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat Look for Zoom link

Due to the Holidays, 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, December 14

On December 14th the guild will celebrate Winter Solstice and the end of 2023 with a holiday potluck. Please bring two things to the party:

- * A sweet or savory dish to share with the group. Provide a label if: gluten free, contains seafood, or includes dairy

- * A wrapped gift (not to exceed \$10) for a gift exchange. This year's theme is non-perishable specialty food items.

Examples include oils & vinegars, olives, high-quality chocolate, chutney, jams or jellies, salts & spices, mustard, marinades, etc.

In addition to enjoying the food and friendship there will also be a sing-along and an induction ceremony for the 2024 Board Members.

It'll be a fun way to close out the year, so don't miss it!

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 73. Welcome new member Carol Putney.

The new member fee is \$25 for the remainder of this year. Please check your member information (on the website) and let me know if there are any corrections.

Carole King, king.carole@gmail.com

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate.

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

Linda Ganfield, Anna Elefant, Paula Casteen, Li Volin, Lu Burton, Carol Stephens

HOLIDAY MARKET

As you know, Corica Park Golf Course supports our guild by allowing us to use their meeting room free of charge for our Saturday workshop sessions each month.

One way to show our appreciation is to support their Annual Holiday Market. There will be hand-crafted products and other treats created by local artists, artisans and entrepreneurs for golfer and non-golfers alike. This event takes place at the Corica Park Pro Shop on December 9th, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

The next block will debut in January.

Suzanne Duran and Joy Beireis-Molnar

BOM co-chairs

SEW 'N CHAT – Sat, December 16

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

Look for the link on Thursday, Dec 14

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.

LAYER CAKE LAPS

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

Pick up info at this month's guild meeting.

AQG PROGRAMS FOR 2023

December – Holiday Potluck; Board Induction

All meetings are at 7pm.

The meetings are at Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central Ave.

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 needs 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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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.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Rachelle King will be performing in “Legally Blonde the Musical” at the Bankhead in Livermore. The show runs Saturday and Sunday January 13 to 28. Tickets are on sale now.

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 November donation event was, as usual, a tremendous success. Thanks to all who donated and assisted. Our partners were more than grateful for our beautiful creations – quilts, joy bundles, and pillowcases.

Our next donation will be in June, 2024. Keep sewing!

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). 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.

Workshop schedule for 2024

All workshops are taught at Corica Golf Course, on Saturdays from 10-3pm.

January 13 – Quilt As You Go Teacher Terry Hodges, Fee: \$20.00 (for kit) CLOSED



February 10 – Stamp Play on Fabric – Teacher Leslie Sorenson, Fee: \$ 30.00 (includes kit)

Creating a custom stamp for fabric or paper. We will be exploring a few different aspects of block printing, using stamp inks and acrylic fabric paints.



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.



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 – 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.



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 – 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.

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 Pizzazz 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.

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Hanukkah	9
10	11	12	13	14 7pm General Meeting	15	16 1 pm Sew 'N Chat
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30

PAINT CHIP CHALLENGE



NOVEMBER DONATIONS



NOVEMBER SHOW 'N TELL

