



THE BRIDGE

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

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Quilts on Display at Blue Dot Café

I'm excited to announce a special free quilt exhibit featuring 30 beautiful creations made by our own Alameda Quilt Guild members!

The quilts will be on display at Blue Dot Cafe, 1910 Encinal Ave., from September 1 through October 16. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the creativity, craftsmanship, and unique styles of our talented guild members showcased in one place.

Whether you're a longtime quilter, a quilting enthusiast, or simply someone who appreciates beautiful handmade art, I hope you'll stop by, enjoy a cup of coffee, and admire the quilts.

Exhibit: 30 Quilts by Alameda Quilt Guild members
Location: Blue Dot Cafe, 1910 Encinal Ave., Alameda
Dates: September 1 – October 16
Admission: Free

Please spread this news by word of mouth or through your own social media platform and invite your friends and family to visit the exhibit. Let's support our fellow guild sisters and celebrate the wonderful work created within our quilting community!

Sally Mirault

UPCOMING DATES*

Sat, Sept 5	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat / Look for Zoom link
Thu, Sept 10	7 pm General Mtg: Speaker Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Sat, Sept 19	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat / Look for Zoom link
Tue, Sept 22	1 pm Board Meeting

*Note: there is no Open Sew this month

Alameda Quilt Guild Board, Committee & Volunteer Roster 2026	
OFFICERS	
President/Leadership Committee	Pauline Marx
Secretary/Leadership Committee/ Immediate Past President	Sally Mirault
Treasurer	Rikki Henneman
Programming / NCQC Rep	Carol Bernard
Membership	Dianne Rodrigues & Debbie Falzone
STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
BOM	Suzanne Duran & Joy Beireis Molnar
Hospitality	Rachelle King & Jean Wolslegel
Newsletter	Elana Swartzman, Dorothy Kerwin
Opportunity Quilts	Kathleen Fennelly
Outreach/Donation quilts	Jeanne Heffernan & Helene Young
Auburn Retreat	Marge McLean
Mini-Retreat	Terry Hodges
Webmaster	Marge McLean
Workshops, Special Events	Terry Hodges
OTHER VOLUNTEER ROLES	
Monday Memo	Carole King, Dorothy Kerwin
Friendship Group Coordinator	Carol Cislowski
Photographer	Jennifer Serr & Susan Correa
Kiss-It-Goodbye Chair	Jolie McRae
Publicity	Dorothy Kerwin
Social Sewing (Open Sew and Sew & Chat)	Dorothy Kerwin
Social Media	Kathleen Fennelly, Mitzi Wong-Nguyen

The Alameda Quilt Guild wants to thank Corica Golf Course for generously letting us use their community rooms for our classes.

COMING UP AT THE GUILD

GENERAL MEETING – SEPT 10

Our guest speaker this month is **Karen Bolan**, presenting her lecture, **“Engineer Your Quilts.”** We’ll also have our usual **Show N’ Tell** and **Kiss It Goodbye**. Please remember to take home anything you brought that hasn’t found a new home!

Door opens at 6:30 for socializing, meeting at 7 pm. Hope to see you there! And don’t forget to bring your scraps and threads for our Ridwell recycle program.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Every birthday is a time to celebrate. Reach out and send good wishes to our fellow quilters with birthdays this month!

Dorothy Kerwin, Carol Cislowski & Rachelle King

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

Sept BOM is Scrappy 8 Point Star. Kits are available for \$2, to be returned at the Oct general meeting. Each maker's name will go in a drawing to win the completed blocks. Remember to return any previously finished blocks.

Suzanne Duran & Joy Beireis-Molnar, BOM co-chairs



SEW ‘N CHAT – Sept 5 & 19

Join us for a chance to work, see, and talk with friends on-line. We meet the first & third Saturday, Sept 5 & 19 from 1 pm-3 pm.

Look for the Zoom link.

WEDNESDAY STITCHERS

Check out the hand sewing group every Wednesday from 10am-12pm at Corica Golf Course. It’s in the classroom, first door to your left as you enter the patio, just drop in no need to sign up.

OPEN SEW

Cancelled this month because of the mini retreat

LOOKING AHEAD

BLUE DOT CAFÉ EXHIBIT SEPT 1 – OCT 16

See Leadership Message on Page 1 for details

2027 JELLY ROLL RACE

The 2027 Jelly Roll Race on Zoom is on Saturday January 16th. Pick up your instructions for the blocks at Terry's table at guild meetings. Get a head start on those blocks!



ALAMEDA HOLIDAY FEST NOVEMBER 15

November will be here sooner than we know. The Holiday Fest will be held November 15 from 10:00 - 4:00 at the Bay Farm Community Center and Temple Israel of Alameda. This is an opportunity for our Guild to raise funds for future speakers, projects, parties and retreats. So be creative and happy sewing.

You can bring your finished items for the Holiday Fest to each guild meeting. I will collect them as you bring them.

Here are some approximate size GUIDELINES for each item.

Joy Bundles 18" square

Place mats 12" x 18" Please make in sets of 4

Napkins 15" square after hemming

Baby Pads/changing pads 18" x 36"

Table Runners Table seating 4: 13" x 60" or Table seating 6: 13" x 78"

Questions? Contact Carol Cislowski or Pauline Marx

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 70. Starting in July, new members pay a pro-rated \$25 for membership. Send your dues to PO Box 2724, Alameda, 94501 or bring them to our next General Meeting on Sept 10. Welcome new member Gail Scruggs!

A gentle reminder – guests to our meetings must pay a \$5 fee.

Dianne Rodrigues - phidi@sbcglobal.net / Debbie Falzone – debbie.falzone@gmail.com

GUILD REMINDERS AND NOTES

HOLDERS & FOLDERS

New AQG volunteer opportunity! We are seeking volunteers to hold and then fold quilts when we have speaker presentations. If you are interested, please reach out to Carol Bernard carols88@comcast.net

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Friendship groups are a great way to get to know sister guild members in a smaller setting. The group typically meets once a month – it can rotate among member houses or stay at one locale. If you are interested in joining or starting a group - email Carol at ccislowski@gmail.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Jeanne Heffernan and Helene Young

Every member is encouraged to make at least one item for AQG charities as part of our community outreach program. The item choices are quilts, pillow cases, fidget quilts, totes, and zippered humbags (triangular bags). Instructions are available for pillowcases, totes & zippered humbags.

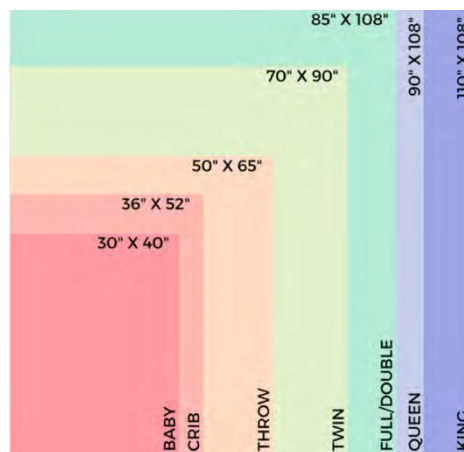
Our next Donation Night is in Nov 12th and will include Foster Youth and Midway Shelter. Any outreach queries call/text (650) 888-8959 or email Jeanne Heffernan, jmh8346@sbcglobal.net

COMMUNITY QUILT FINISHERS

Any AQG member can donate a pieced quilt top (preferably with cotton batting and back) at any general meeting. This donation, once finished by our volunteer quilt finishers, will go directly to one of our selected charities in our community: Sutter Care at Home, Alameda; Midway Shelter, Alameda; EBCLO-East Bay Children's Law Office for foster youth, Alameda County. All quilts will be displayed at our donation events. Jeanne Heffernan is Committee chair; Marge McLean will receive at our member meetings any quilt tops (and cotton batting/back if possible).

Meeting for CQF with Marge & Jeanne is during Open Sew at Trinity Lutheran on Sept 18 at 11-11:30am

If there are any questions call Jeanne Heffernan or Marge McLean. We are hoping that this effort boosts the AQG number of donated quilts for our community giving.



GIRL SCOUTS ENGAGEMENT

In an effort to attract new young students to our guild, and to pass along our skills to interested youth, we are working on some ways the guild can connect and collaborate with Alameda Girl Scouts. Kawandi stitching was suggested as a great, entry level project for a workshop during one of their meetings. Also suggested: youth memberships, special youth meetings and mentorships.

If you are interested in volunteering and/ or have ideas about this collaboration, please contact Jennifer@TheSewingRoomAlameda.com

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Trinity Lutheran Church has established a Little Free Pantry located near the front entrance of the church on Central Ave (around the corner from Morton Street). Anyone interested in donating food items is encouraged to do so. Items should be **non-perishable and not expired**. Unused and new personal items like socks, gloves, toothpaste and toothbrushes are also needed and may be added to the box.

FABRIC AND THREAD - RIDWELL RECYCLE

AQG has joined the Ridwell family. This is a way to recycle fabric scraps and threads. We will collect your scraps at the monthly meetings and Ridwell will pick them up and put them to good use.

Check out the Ridwell website for info on how this happens.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2026

All meetings are at Trinity Lutheran at 7pm on the second Thursday unless otherwise indicated.
Doors open at 6:30pm for socializing.

- SEPTEMBER*:** Speaker/in person – Karen Bolan, “Engineer Your Quilts”
- OCTOBER*:** Guild Board nominations; Show’NTell - All and Everything, a chance to show all that you do. Surprise Us!
- NOVEMBER*:** Donation Night – Foster Youth, Midway Shelter; Election of Officers; UFO Challenge Reveal
- DECEMBER:** Holiday Potluck; Board Inductions Incoming 2027 Officers; Gift exchange
- Meetings with stars* have a Kiss-It-Goodbye table. Bring what you don’t want, take what you do! Bring any fabric, notions or patterns you want to get rid of and take anything you can use. Please bring home anything you brought that hasn’t been taken.
 - All remaining 2026 meetings will include Show’N Tell. This is your chance to share the projects you have recently made while participating in Guild activities (such as workshops, retreats, friendship groups, open sew, Sew ‘N Chat). We also invite you to share other crafts you might enjoy. We want to see what brings you joy and support your accomplishments!

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR 2026

All workshops are taught at Corica Golf Course from 10am - 3pm
ALL KIT FEES TO BE PAID TO THE TEACHER THE DAY OF THE CLASS



FYI

This pin is an acknowledgement of a member's generous donation of time and talent to teach a workshop.



REGISTRATION CLOSED

September 12- Snazzy Shirt/Jacket – teacher: Joyce Teekell, class fee \$50.00

Using a man's shirt (upcycled or new) as a foundation for our snazzy shirt. We will modify and embellish the shirt to create a "one of a kind" fashion statement. Incorporate fabrics that you love to blend or contrast with your shirt print. Multiple fabrics are encouraged. Warning: this can be addictive!



October 10 – Japanese Rice Bag – teacher Terry Hodges, class fee \$20.00

Create a modern take on the traditional pouch used in Japan to carry rice offerings to the temple. Use yours to carry small projects, your knitting, your English paper piecing, or whatever you want. This is a perfect project to use up those extra scraps. This makes a great gift!



November 14 – Portrait or Self-Portrait in Fabric: Freddy's Faces – teacher Pauline Marx, class fee \$20.00

We will craft expressive faces with fabric scraps and we will be working in the style of renowned quilter Freddy Moran, who passed away in 2024 at the age of 94. You will create a collage using fabric and a glue stick. Pieces can be quilted and bound later in any manner you choose.

December – NO WORKSHOP

EVENTS CALENDAR – (Send submissions to the newsletter editor elana94501@gmail.com)

Fri & Sat Sept 18-19 Quilt Show: Sierra Quilt Guild, Sonora

Beautiful Quilt Show, Vendors, Opportunity Quilt, and more! Mother Lode Fairgrounds, 220 Southgate Dr, Sonora, CA 95370

Thu & Fri Sept 24-25 10am-5pm; Sat Sept 26 10am-4pm Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival, Free Admission
Alameda County Fairgrounds, 2005 Valley Ave, Gate 8, Building A, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Sat Sept 26 10am-5pm, Sun Sept 27 10am-4pm Quilt Show: Diablo Valley Quilters

Featured Artist: Laura Fraga; Admission \$12. Shadelands Center for Community Arts, 111 N Wiget Ln, Walnut Creek

Sat Oct 3 10am-5pm, Sun Oct 4 10am-4pm Quilt Show: Mother Lode Quilters' Guild, Sutter Creek

"Stars, Stripes and Stitches" Tickets are \$10. Sutter Creek Auditorium, 18 Main St; and Sutter Creek Community Center, 33 Church St, Sutter Creek

Fri-Sun Oct 9-11; Fri & Sat 1am-5pm, Sun 10am-3pm Quilt Show: River City Quilters Guild, Sacramento

Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St, Sacramento, CA 95819; Admission \$10 for 3 days.

<https://www.rivercityquilters.org/quilt-show.html>

2026 AFFILIATES

The Sewing Room, 1419 Park St Ste G, Alameda

510 710-9525 thesewingroomalameda.com

New Pieces Quilt Shop*, Inc, 766 Gilman, Berkeley

510 527-6779 newpiecesstaff@gmail.com

www.newpieces.com

Malcolm Hill Quilts, 493 Dolores Ave., San Leandro

415 828-6296 malcolmhillquilts.com

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

GUILD CONTACT INFO

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SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	3	4	5 1pm – 3pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom
6	7	8	9 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	10 7PM General Mtg Trinity Lutheran	11	12
13	14	15	16 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	17	18	19 1pm – 3pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom
20	21	22 1pm – 3pm Board Mtg Trinity Lutheran	23 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course			

ALAMEDA QUILT GUILD SCHEDULE 2026

Month	General Mtg	Board Mtg	Open Sew	Sew 'N Chat/Zoom	Workshops
	2nd Thurs	4th Tues	3rd Fri	1 st & 3 rd Sat	2nd Sat
	6:30 – 8:30	1:00 – 2:30	11:00 – 3:00	1:00 – 3:00	10:00 – 3:00
<i>January</i>	8-Jan	27-Jan	16-Jan	3, 17-Jan	10-Jan
<i>February</i>	12-Feb	24-Feb	20-Feb	7, 21-Feb	None
<i>March</i>	12-Mar	24-Mar	20-Mar	7, 21-Mar	14-Mar
<i>April</i>	9-Apr	28-Apr	17-Apr	4, 18-Apr	11-Apr
<i>May</i>	14-May	26-May	15-May	2, 16-May	None
<i>June</i>	11-Jun	23-Jun	19-Jun	6, 20-Jun	13-Jun
<i>July</i>	9-Jul	28-Jul	17-Jul	4, 18-Jul	11-Jul
<i>August</i>	13-Aug	25-Aug	21-Aug	1, 15-Aug	None
<i>September</i>	10-Sep	22-Sep	None	5, 19-Sep	12-Sep
<i>October</i>	8-Oct	27-Oct	16-Oct	3, 17-Oct	10-Oct
<i>November</i>	12-Nov	24-Nov	20-Nov	7, 21-Nov	14-Nov
<i>December</i>	10-Dec	None	None	5, 19-Dec	None

DOG BED QUILTS DONATION



Donated to FAAS veterinary clinic at Bay Farm. Quilts made by longarmer Sandy Horvath who participates in the AQG community quilts committee.
Jeanne Heffernan presented gifts on 9/23/26

GIFT MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS

Thank you to our volunteers for prepping and leading the demos: Susan Correa, Jane Strem, Jean Wolslegel, Leslie Sorenson (special thanks for subbing at the last minute!) & Dorothy Kerwin

Joy Bundle & Baby Changing Pad



Fabric Luggage Tag



Fabric Gift Card Holder



Quick Table Runner



SHOW'N TELL





BLUE DOT QUILT EXHIBIT INSTALLATION

Thank you to Sally Mirault for spearheading this exhibit, everyone who provided quilts and those who helped with the installation!

