



THE BRIDGE

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

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

I had great intentions about writing a roundup of 2025 for the December president's message, highlighting our activities, accomplishments and stats for the year. I did not get to it in time, but if I had.... I would have mentioned our speakers, workshops, opportunities for fellowship and friendship, retreats, potlucks and parties, donation of handmade items, and the enthusiastic work of our many volunteers and members. Thank you to all who made 2025 a great year for the Alameda Guild!

My thanksgiving table had 18 happy diners at my home with lots of shopping, cooking and clean up, followed by packing. And then on Friday evening Michael and I headed to the airport. Here we are in New Zealand for three weeks. It is raining and raining, so we are hanging in the hotel. Free day tomorrow and then serious tourism starts on Tuesday. Time is a bit confusing. New Zealand is 21 hours ahead of California, so 7 pm Saturday evening in Alameda is 4 pm Sunday in Auckland.

I wish you and yours a wonderful December holiday time, filled with light and love. Cheers to our holiday potluck, which I will miss this year!

Pauline

UPCOMING DATES

Thu, Dec 11	7 pm General Mtg at Trinity Lutheran 1323 Central
Sat, Dec 6	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat Look for Zoom link
Sat, Dec 20	1pm – 3pm Sew 'N Chat Look for Zoom link

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

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GENERAL MEETING – DECEMBER 11

Join us for our annual Holiday Party. We will induct the Board for 2026.

This is a pot-luck affair. Bring a plate of yummy finger foods, sweet or savory. We're trying to cut down on our one-use consumption, so please make sure your contribution is bite-sized.

Our gift exchange this year will be socks. Bring a wrapped pair of socks to contribute. There will be surprises and games and a general good time.

Don't forget to bring your scraps and threads for our Ridwell recycle program.

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 75. Bring your checkbook to the December meeting to renew your membership for 2026. Or send your \$50 check to: AQG, P.O. Box 2724, Alameda, CA 94501

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

Dianne Rodrigues - phidi@sbcglobal.net / Debbie Falzone – debbie.falzone@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, Paula Casteen, Anna Elefant, Li Volin, Lu Burton, Carroll Stephens

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

Please return completed BOM Disappearing Shoo Fly blocks to the December meeting. Also return any finished blocks you have. We'll make sure they get to the rightful owners.

There will not be BOMs for December (holiday party) or January (Zoom meeting).

Look for a new BOM in February.

Suzanne Duran & Joy Beireis-Molnar

OPEN SEW – not in December

Join us in January as we meet from 11am to 3pm on the third Friday at Trinity Lutheran.

Bring hand or machine sewing, see what others are doing and ask for opinions / assistance. It's a lot of fun and we bring pot luck to share for lunch.

SEW 'N CHAT-DECEMBER 6 & 20 - ZOOM

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

Look for the Zoom link.

SPRING RETREAT 2026

Save the date for our **2026 Spring Retreat**. We have a confirmed reservation for Monday, June 1, 2026 to Friday, June 5, 2026, at the Mercy Center Auburn. Cost will be \$600.

Reservations are now open. \$200 (one third) is due by the January 2026 meeting (mail check to P.O. Box 2724, Alameda), 2nd \$200 due at the March 2026 meeting and final \$200 will be due at the April 2026 meeting. Check to be made out to Alameda Quilt Guild.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2025

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

DECEMBER: Holiday potluck, Board Induction, Member Interview, Gift Exchange

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JANUARY: Speaker/Zoom – April Sproule, “Technician to Artist”

FEBRUARY: Speaker/in person – Leona McCann, “Echoes of my Ancestors: Celtic Design”

MARCH: Annual Auction – this is the major fund raiser for our Guild. We ask every member to contribute one new or like-new item that they would like to bid on. It can be fun and rowdy, be prepared.

APRIL: Speaker/in person – Colleen Pelfrey, “Life with a Border Around It”

MAY: Birthday Celebration – Member survey, Bingo and Pot-luck

JUNE: Techniques Demonstration – subjects to be announced

JULY: Donation Night – Foster Youth, Sutter Hospice, Patriotic, Fidget quilts

AUGUST: Gift Demonstrations – subjects to be announced

SEPTEMBER: Speaker/in person – Karen Bolan, “Engineer Your Quilts”

OCTOBER: Show & Tell – All and Everything, a chance to show all that you do. Surprise Us!

NOVEMBER: Donation Night – Foster Youth, Midway Shelter

DECEMBER: Holiday Party – Board Induction, Pot-luck, Gift Exchange, Games

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.



January 10 - Fabric Bowls, Teacher Marlene Miller, class fee \$20.00; kit fee \$20.00

Spend the day learning to sew these fun, addictive and lovely bowls. The technique is similar to English Paper Piecing and it makes it a very portable project. These bowls are so much fun to personalize and make as gifts ... I bet you can't make just one!

Kit (\$20.00) includes: small bowl pattern, master templates, template plastic, Peltex 70, and a hand sewing needle.



This has been postponed to October

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 or whatever you want. This is a perfect project to use up those extra scraps. This makes a great gift!

The complete 2026 Workshop Schedule will be in the January Newsletter



PROPOSAL FOR AQG TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 4TH OF JULY PARADE.

We'd like to let people know we are here – and increase our visibility in the community. What better way than by being in the parade.

Ask yourself ...

- Are you willing/available to walk 3.5 miles passing out flyers?
- Are you willing/available to decorate a float?
- Are you willing/available to co-chair a committee?
- Are you willing/available to loan us a truck for the day?
- Help in any other way

If so, please contact Dianne Rodrigues at land line 510-521-4327

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 me at ccislowski@gmail.com

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

Fri – Sun Feb 6th - 8th 10am to 4pm Quilt Show: Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild

40th Anniversary Quilt Show: "Ruby Celebration - 40 Years of Quilting Stars"

More information: <https://www.folsomquilt.org/quilt-show---2026.html>

Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma St, Folsom, CA 95630, USA

Sat – Sun April 25, 10am-4pm, April 26, 10am-3pm

Quilt Show: Amador Valley Quilters

"Quilting with Friends" More information: <https://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress/2026-quilt-show/>

Trinity Church Gymnasium, 557 Olivina Ave, Livermore

AQG ROUND ROBIN

Suzanne Duran is organizing groups for a Round Robin. Look for the sign up at the general meeting. There will be groups of 6. Each participant makes a center block measuring between 10 & 15 inches. A tote bag will include the center block & small notebook listing theme or color likes & dislikes. Fabric can be included or not. Each person has 2 months to add borders that measure between 3 & 6 inches. We will exchange at AQG general meetings.

After each person in the group has added a border, it is returned to person who made the center block. We will have the big reveal at our general meeting. Suzanne Duran 510 326-7931

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES – Jeanne Heffernan and Helene Young

Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in the November donation. Our next Donation Night is in July and will include: Foster Youth, Sutter Hospice, Patriotic, and Fidget quilts. Any outreach queries call/text or email Jeanne Heffernan, jmh8346@sbcglobal.net

OUTREACH - THE COMMUNITY QUILTERS

Any AQG member can donate a pieced quilt top (preferably with batting and back) at any general meeting. This donation, once finished, will go directly to our selected charities: 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 and photographed for the online AQG newsletter. Jeanne Heffernan is Committee chair; Marge McLean will receive at our member meetings any quilt tops (and batting/back if possible).

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



RECYCLE FABRIC AND THREAD – RIDWELL

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.

2025 AFFILIATES

The Sewing Room, 1419 Park St Ste G, Alameda
 New Pieces Quilt Shop, Inc, 766 Gilman, Berkeley

510 710-9525 thesewingroomalameda.com
 510-527-6779 newpiecesstaff@gmail.com
 www.newpieces.com

Re-Crafting, 2449 Santa Clara, Alameda
 Bay Quilts, 5327 Jacuzzi St, Richmond

510-263-0249 therecraftingco.com
 510 558-0218 create@sfbayquilts.com
 www.sfbayquilts.com

Stone Mountain & Daughter, 2518 Shattuck, Berkeley

510 845-6106 info@stonemountainfabric.com

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

GUILD CONTACT INFO

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 Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1753886584897576>

DECEMBER 2025

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

PHOTO GALLERY – WITH THANKS TO OUR OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER, JENNIFER SERR



SOME OF THE PANEL CHALLENGE QUILTS



**MEMBER INTERVIEW
PAULINE MARX, DOROTHY KERWIN**

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DONATION EVENT



**VIRGINIA KRUTILEK, JEANNE HEFFERNAN,
KRISTEN MATEER**



MANY PILLOWCASES



JOY BUNDLES



TOTE BAGS



QUILTS, QUILTS, QUILTS



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED AND DONATED. WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



ALAMEDA QUILT GUILD SCHEDULE 2025/2026

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

Thank you to Linda Ganfield for unearthing this picture from our first retreat. (2015/2016?)

