



# THE BRIDGE

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

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## LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Do you know about Karen Brown? Those of us who do think she's the "cat's meow." If not, she is the creator of JustGetItDoneQuilts.com and a YouTube channel. She offers tips, tricks and strategies to make the quilt that you want to make. I encourage you to check her out!

Karen hosted the Declutter Challenge 2026. She's been doing that for six years. It's a 21-day challenge which began and ended in January. Don't worry, the organizational steps are still accessible on YouTube. I started the Declutter Challenge two days ago and I'm happy to say "So far, so good!"

I'll let you in on a dirty little secret. I have a spare bedroom that I use as an office and for sewing. It has become a dumping ground for anything I'm not sure what to do with. Consequently, the room is a MESS. Practically every surface (including the floor) is stacked with STUFF. The room makes me feel anxious. As a result, I shut the door and don't enjoy sewing anymore. I've complained about the condition of the room for too many years. I'm tired of talking about it and my kids are tired of hearing me talk about it. One of them bet me I wouldn't clean it up by her birthday (July 5). I accepted the challenge and am on my way to following Karen Brown's prompts. Wish me luck! I'll let you know how I did in next month's newsletter.

Sally Mirault

## UPCOMING DATES

Sat, May 2	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat / Look for Zoom link
Thu, May 14	7 pm General Mtg: Birthday Pot-luck Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Fri, May 15	11 am – 3 pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Sat, May 16	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat / Look for Zoom link
Tue, May 26	1 pm Board Meeting

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 – MAY 14

Join us to celebrate the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Alameda Quilt Guild. From a modest beginning to 65 members today, AQG has provided a venue for quilters to share projects, ideas, and talent. We welcome anyone, beginner to expert, to make friends and learn something new. Bring an appetizer or desert to share for the potluck. We'll play fabric bingo and have fun!

We'll also have a Show'NTell. 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!

And we'll have a Kiss it Goodbye exchange at this meeting: 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.

And finally, Kathleen Fennelly will bring and be selling tickets for the Piecemakers Quilt Guild's opportunity quilt. Bring cash and support our sister guild.

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.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS



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

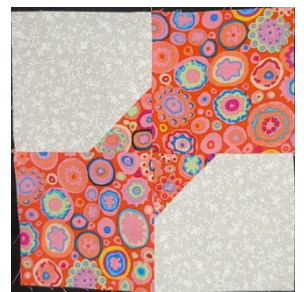
Donna O'Kane, Marcia Gill, Pat Mahoney, Terry Hodges, Leslie Sorenson, Marcy Pauline

### BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

The May BOM is the Bowtie block and the \$2 kits will come in many colors/prints. They will be sold at the May meeting.

Completed blocks need to be returned at the June meeting for the drawing. Your name will be entered in the drawing according to how many completed blocks you return.

Suzanne Duran & Joy Beireis-Molnar



### SEW 'N CHAT – May 2 & 16

Join us for a chance to work, see, and talk with friends on-line. We meet the first & third Saturday, May 2 & 16 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 – May 15

We meet from 11am to 3pm on the third Friday at Trinity Church, 1323 Central

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

### 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!

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

### BLUE DOT CAFÉ EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY SEPT 1 – OCT 16

The Blue Dot Café and Coffee Bar in Alameda has invited Alameda Quilt Guild (AQG) to display small samples of quilted projects and items on walls of their restaurant. The café enjoys decorating its walls with work by local artists and that includes us. The exhibit will be displayed for six weeks starting September 1, 2026.

A committee is needed to organize this opportunity. Anyone interested in helping may contact Sally Mirault by email or text. Her contact information is available in the AQG Membership Directory.

### ANNUAL MINI RETREAT SEPT 19 – 20

Registration for the annual Mini Retreat will start at the May guild meeting. It will be September Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th at High Street Station on Encinal from 10-5pm. A \$70.00 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your place. This includes lunch on both days. Access is easy into the sewing space, with no stairs. Come sew with us, get prizes every hour, eat goodies and have fun!

## GUILD REMINDERS AND NOTES

### MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 65 and enrollment for 2026 is on-going. Send your dues of \$50 to PO Box 2724, Alameda, 94501 or bring them to our next General Meeting on May 14.

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

Dianne Rodrigues - [phidi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phidi@sbcglobal.net) / Debbie Falzone – [debbie.falzone@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.falzone@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 July 9<sup>th</sup> and will include: Foster Youth, Sutter Hospice, patriotic pillowcases and fidget quilts.

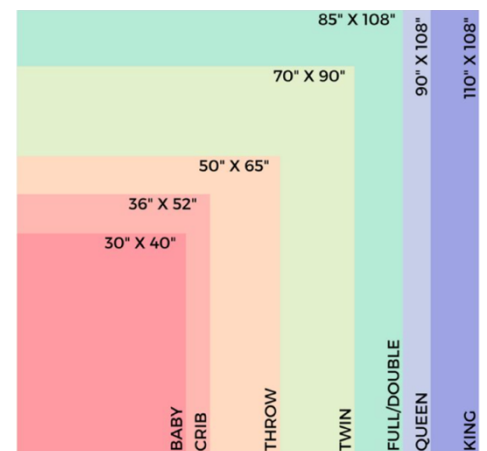
Any outreach queries call/text (650) 888-8959 or email Jeanne Heffernan, [jmh8346@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmh8346@sbcglobal.net)

## COMMUNITY QUILT FINISHERS

Any AQG member can donate a pieced quilt top (preferably with 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; EBCLC-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 batting/back if possible).

Meeting for CQF with Marge & Jeanne is during Open Sew at Trinity Lutheran on May 15 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](mailto: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.

- MAY\*:** AQG 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday Potluck, Show'NTell - All and Everything, a chance to show all that you do. Surprise Us!
- JUNE\*:** Techniques Demonstration – subjects to be announced
- JULY\*:** Donation Night – Foster Youth, Sutter Hospice, Patriotic, Fidget quilts; Guild Survey; Sew-Along Reveal, Quilt Games
- AUGUST\*:** Gift Demonstrations – subjects to be announced
- 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!

## 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.

**May – NO WORKSHOP** (*Happy Mother's Day*)

**June 13 – Disappearing Pinwheel** – Teacher: Jane Strem, class fee \$20.00. **Class is full, registration is closed**



**July 11 – Applique Three Ways:** Teacher: Jennifer Serr, class fee \$20.00

We will explore techniques including fusible web method, interfacing method (for a clean finish) and needle turn. Each technique offers a different end finish. In this fun workshop students will learn 3 ways to applique using this cute tomato pincushion pattern.

**August – NO WORKSHOP**



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

***SIGN UPS FOR THIS CLASS STOP IN AUGUST, THIS CLASS MUST BE FULL TO GO FORWARD***

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](mailto:elana94501@gmail.com))

**Fri – Sat May 8, 10am-5pm, May 9, 10am-4p.** Quilt Show: Roseville Quilters Guild

Celebrate creativity, craftsmanship, and community at the Roseville Quilters Guild Quilt Show. This year's event brings together stunning quilts, talented makers, and a vibrant marketplace full of inspiration.

William Jessup University, 2121 University Ave, Rocklin, CA. \$10 admission covers both days.

**Fri – Sat May 16, 10am-5pm, May 17, 10am-4p.** Quilt Show: Vallejo Piecemakers

Vendors; Demonstrations; Refreshment Bar; Featured Quilter. 420 Admiral Callaghan Ln, Vallejo, CA 94591  
\$12 admission covers both days.

**Sat May 23, Doors open at 10:30, lunch served at 11:45am.** Luncheon: Foothill Quilters, Auburn

A tea catered by The Tea Nook of Lincoln, CA served at 11:45am. Featured speaker and fashion show by Rami Kim, internationally recognized quilter and fabric artist. Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets. For more information and to purchase tickets (\$50/person): <https://foothillquilters.org/activities/luncheon>

**Sat May 30, 9am-4pm.** Quiltz, Carz, Fabric Sales & More hosted by the Piecemakers of Southern Alameda County Quilt Guild. Something for everyone. This year our guild will be hosting a fabric sale, quilt show, bake sale, boutique, and car show. Quilts, fabric and bake sales will be in the sanctuary. In the parking lot will be members of Classic Cruisers, NorCal Chevelles, and El Camino car, clubs with their vehicles. This event is free to the public. Community of Grace Church 380 Elmhurst St, Hayward

**Sat Jun 13, 9am-4pm,** Event: Country Store, Auburn

Fabric, supplies, notions, Gifts, Completed and uncompleted projects. And more! Auburn Veterans Memorial Hall, 100 East St, Auburn, CA 95603

**Sat – Sun Jun 27, 10am-5pm, Jun 28, 10am-4p.** Quilt Show: Ocean Wave Quilters, Ft Bragg

Come see our beautiful quilts, great vendors, fabulous raffle quilt and baskets! New Country Store of handmade quality goods for sale. Special exhibits: Featured Artist: Evelyn Harris, Ocean Wave Quilters' Round Robin Quilts and Special Pacific Textile Arts Exhibit." Dana Gray Elementary School, 1197 E Chestnut St, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. \$10 admission covers both days. [Oceanwavequilters.com/fort-bragg-quilt-show](https://oceanwavequilters.com/fort-bragg-quilt-show)

## 2026 AFFILIATES

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

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[www.newpieces.com](http://www.newpieces.com)

Malcolm Hill Quilts, 493 Dolores Ave., San Leandro

415 828-6296 [malcolmhillquilts.com](http://malcolmhillquilts.com)

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

## GUILD CONTACT INFO

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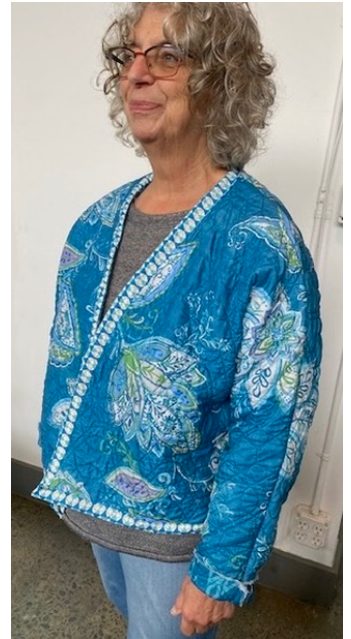
## May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 1pm – 3pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom
3	4	5	6 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	14 7PM General Mtg Trinity Lutheran	15 11am – 3pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran	16 1pm – 3pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom
17	18	19	20 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	21	22	23
24	25	26 1pm – 3pm Board Mtg Trinity Lutheran	27 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	28	29	30
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## ALAMEDA QUILT GUILD SCHEDULE 2026

<i>Month</i>	General Mtg	Board Mtg	Open Sew	Sew 'N Chat/Zoom	Workshops
	2nd Thurs	4th Tues	3rd Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	18-Sep	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

**Thank you Dianne Rodrigues and Susan Correa for leading the  
Quilt Jacket Workshop on April 11  
These Jackets look amazing!**



Some of the amazing quilts presented by Colleen Pelfrey during our April meeting

