



THE BRIDGE

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

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



Monarch Butterfly part 2. I thought this part 2 would be the end of the butterfly story, but it looks like we will also have a part 3. The three caterpillars mentioned in the September newsletter all disappeared. We have no idea if they lived and completed their metamorphosis or not. But then there were more butterfly eggs and more caterpillars! As of today we have 7 live caterpillars, one dead caterpillar and six cocoons! It looks like the remaining caterpillars will pupate, moving to the

cocoon stage in the next few days.

So I hope that in November, I can show off our newly hatched monarch butterflies, part 3! Pauline Marx

Note: a cocoon is in the left bottom quadrant of the photo.

UPCOMING DATES

Thu, Oct 9	7 pm General Mtg at Trinity Lutheran 1323 Central
Sat, Oct 11	10am – 3pm Workshop. Corica Golf Course
Fri, Oct 17	11am – 3pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Sat, Oct 18	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat / Look for Zoom link
Tue, Oct 28	1pm Board Meeting. at Trinity Lutheran 1323 Central

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

BOARD and COMMITTEES

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GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 9

This is our annual demonstration meeting. Join us and learn something new. There will be four demos, Kiss-It-Goodbye, and Board nominations.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 75. Membership renewals continue, now half price- \$25 per year. Please send to PO Box 2724, Alameda, 94501.

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

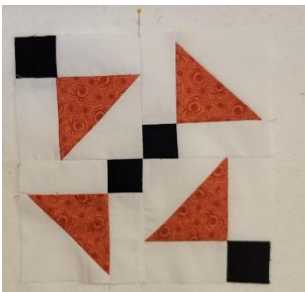
Dianne Rodrigues - phidi@sbcglobal.net / Debbie Falzone – debbie.falzone@gmail.com

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Susan MacLaughlin, Lalia Daoudi, Barbara Holt, Rikki Henneman



BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

This is the October BOM - it is called Disappearing Shoo Fly in black & orange.

Kits are \$2 each & need to be returned for a drawing at the November meeting.

Suzanne Duran & Joy Beireis-Molnar

OPEN SEW – OCTOBER 17

Open Sew is back at Trinity Lutheran. We meet from 11am to 3pm on the third Friday.

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.

SEW 'N CHAT-OCTOBER 18 - ZOOM

Join us for a chance to work, see, and talk with friends on-line. We meet the third Saturday, October 18 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 will open at the October Guild meeting. \$200 (1/3) is due by the January 2026 meeting, 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.

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

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.

OCTOBER: Demonstration Night, Rulers & Techniques, Board Nominations
NOVEMBER*: Donation Night, Member Interview, voting for Board, voting for Challenge Reveal
DECEMBER: Holiday potluck, Board Induction, Member Interview, Gift Exchange

Meetings with stars* have a Kiss-It-Goodbye table. Bring what you don't want, take what you do!

REMINDER FOR KAWANDI WORKSHOP

This workshop has 12 students enrolled.

Students will need cutting scissors a hard surface or thimble and their creative color mindset to participate. The instructor will provide an abundance of materials and instruction of Kawandi handwork and kawandi-like options.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR 2025

October 11 - Start Slow Stitching or Kawandi – This workshop is closed.

Teacher Jeanne Heffernan, Class fee: \$10.00

THIS IS A HAND STITCH CLASS ONLY. Jeanne will introduce you to Kawandi quilting or for those of you who know this stitching technique she will focus on a slow stitching project of your choice: table runner, a small square, book cover or zipper pouch. This workshop will focus on using scraps and spontaneously choosing colors. We will be using perle cotton, embroidery, or sashiko threads to stitch and create a unique patchwork of your own design. Students will learn to find their own rhythm in this technique of mindful stitching.



November 8 – I Can't Believe It's a Sweatshirt!

Teacher Terry Hodges, Class fee \$10.00

Just in time for winter, turn a sweatshirt into a stunning vest or jacket in your choice of colors and prints. Repurpose a favorite sweatshirt with plenty of fabric scraps or buy a new one in your favorite color. Get ready for winter with a colorful new piece of clothing.



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

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

Fri, Oct 3: 10am-5pm, Sat, Oct 4: 10am-4 pm Quilt Show: Sierra Gold Quilters, Plymouth

Admission \$10.00 valid both days. Children under 12 are free.

Over 125 beautiful quilts created by our members. We feature a Country Store, a "Small Quilt", and Gift Basket Silent Auction. Lunch by Event Advantage BBQ Express. As our Quilt Show falls on the same weekend as The Big Crush, visitors to the Gold Country can enjoy a fabulous weekend of wine tasting and quilt appreciation! We hope to see you at the Show! Amador County Fairgrounds, 18621 Sherwood St, Plymouth

Sat, Oct 4 10-5, Sun, Oct 5 10-4 Quilt Show: Ladies of the Lake, Lakeport

Featured Artist, Kim Darnell Adults, \$10, Under 12 free with Adult

Over 150 quilts Food, Café, Silent Auction, Vendors, Country Store, Opportunity Quilt, Drawing, Free Parking, Door Prizes, Theme Baskets, Demonstrations Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin St, Lakeport

Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10 – 3 Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County

Fabric, Quilt and Craft Boutique at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building Auditorium located at 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Fabric \$5 per lb (tax included), Notions, Mini Quilt Show with Quilts for Sale, Handmade Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Bake Sale, FREE entry and parking

Mon, Oct 20th, 7pm – 9pm Meeting: GQCCC, with speaker Julia McLeod

GENERAL MEETING: "Everything but the Cotton" with Julia McLeod (IN-PERSON)

Location: Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord

For more information and to register please visit: <https://gqccc.org/event-6162445>

Join us for an exploration of the world of quilts that Julia calls "Not Cottons." Julia's presentation will feature antique and modern quilts made of wool, silk, polyester and more. She will bring along examples her own work made with neckties, saris, kimonos and other unusual, "not cotton" textiles.

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 a big reveal at our general meeting.

Suzanne Duran

510 326-7931

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES – Jeanne Heffernan and Helene Young

November Donation requests:

The November outreach emphasis is on foster youth quilts and pillowcases along with teen totes and triangle bags at the request of Kristen Mateer, Esq. EBCLO. Midway Shelter needs women's quilts, pillowcases for women and children and joy bundles.

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; Jane Hageman and 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.

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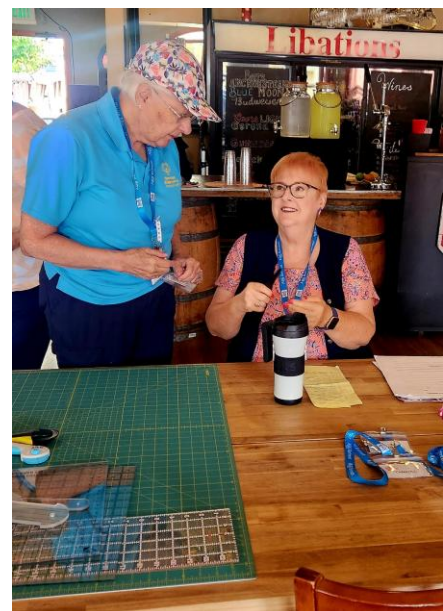
Website: www.alamedaquiltguild.com

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

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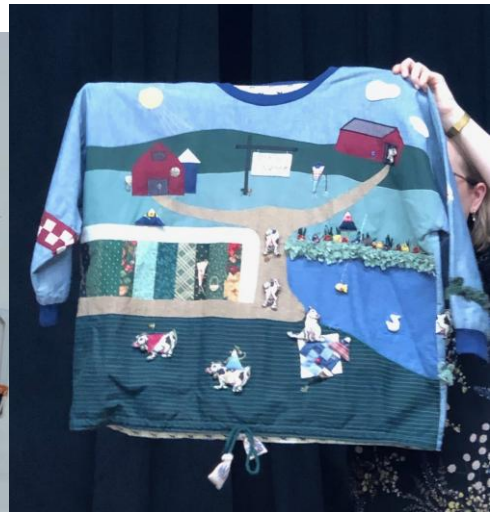
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5	6	7	8	9 7PM General Mtg Trinity Lutheran	10	11 10am – 3pm Workshop Corica Golf Course
12	13	14	15	16	17 11am – 3pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran	18 1pm – 3pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 1pm – 3pm Board Mtg Trinity Lutheran	29	30	31	

ACTIVITIES AT THE MINI-RETREAT

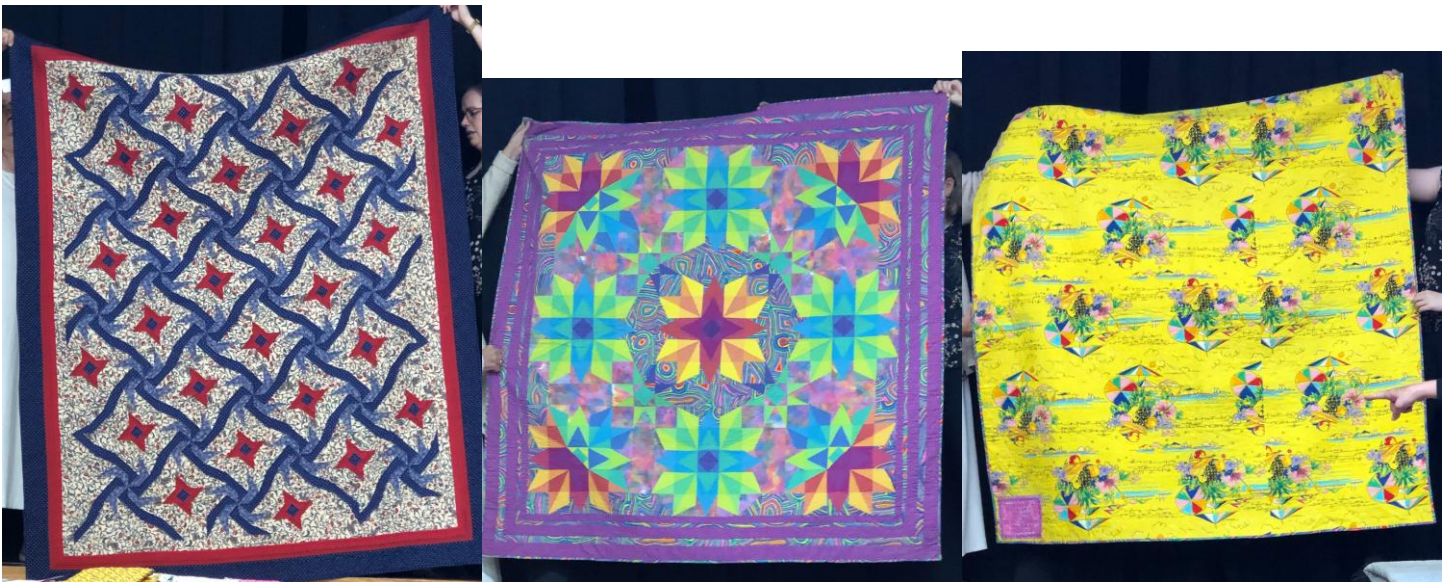


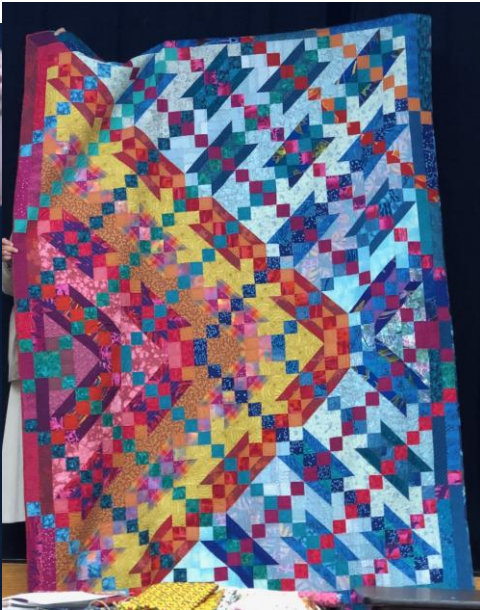


QUILTS BY DOREEN SPECKMANN – THANK YOU TO DEBBIE FALZONE









OUR FIELD TRIP TO BRITEX



AQG members and Sharman Spector (with bulldog), owner of Britex.

ALAMEDA QUILT GUILD SCHEDULE 2025

<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 3rd Sat – Zoom 1:00 – 3:00	Workshops 2nd Sat 10:00 – 3:00
<i>October</i>	Oct 9	Oct 28	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 11
<i>November</i>	Nov 13	Nov 18 ***	Nov 20	Nov 15	Nov 8
<i>December</i>	Dec 11	None	None	None	None

***Nov 18 – 3rd Tues (exception due to Thanksgiving week)