



THE BRIDGE

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

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Unfortunately, I don't have good news about organizing my sewing room. After two days of trying, I fell into the procrastination pit and didn't manage to climb out. However, a couple of friends have offered to help me. Unfortunately, the soonest we can get together is this fall. So, sit tight and stay tuned for a delayed good news update.

I may have mentioned in earlier posts that spring is my favorite season. But, oh, I do love summer too; especially this summer. My grandson, who plays Little League baseball, was chosen to be part of the Alameda All Stars team for his age group division. I've had the pleasure of attending the games and watching the boys win every game so far. I'm very proud of the boys; their skills are top notch. But I'm most proud of how my grandson's leadership skills have developed. He is respected by the players and their parents. Color me a happy Grandma!

Sally Mirault

UPCOMING DATES

Sat, July 4	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat / Look for Zoom link
Thu, July 9	7 pm General Mtg: Techniques Demonstration Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Fri, July 17	11 am – 3 pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Sat, July 18	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat / Look for Zoom link
Tue, July 28	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 – July 9

There is a lot going on this meeting – hope you can join the fun!

This is our semi-annual donation event. Charities are Foster Youth and Sutter Hospice. We'll be collecting quilts, pillowcases (including patriotic), fidget quilts, humbags & totes. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity in participating with our community giving.

We will also have our annual member survey, the Sew-Along Reveal, Show N'Tell, quilt games and Kiss it Goodbye (please bring home anything you brought that hasn't been taken).

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



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

Joann Stewart, Elana Swartman, Debbie Manchester, Joyce Price, Jean Wolslegel, Laural Hanson, Marge McLean, Gigi Jensen

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

July BOM is Corner Tiles. This is a 6 1/2 inch block that when put together with other blocks will make a secondary design of a corner tile. Kits are available for \$2, to be returned at the August Guild meeting. Finished blocks will be awarded via drawing. Remember to return any previously finished blocks.

Suzanne Duran & Joy Beireis-Molnar



SEW 'N CHAT – July 4 & 18

Join us for a chance to work, see, and talk with friends on-line. We meet the first & third Saturday, July 4 & 18 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 – July 17

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.

AQG FLOAT IN THE ALAMEDA 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Come join the fun and spread the word about our guild! You can join us for the full 3.5 mile route or for just a few blocks. Keep an eye out for an email with further details.



ALAMEDA ART & WINE FAIRE – JULY 26

Help spread the word about AQG! We will have a booth at the Alameda Art & Wine Faire on Sunday July 26. We will display our banner, distribute our 2026 Program cards and offer a simple make-and-take project. We require two people per shift.

Contact Pauline Marx if you'd like to participate

VISIT THE EBCLO OFFICE – JULY 31

Kristen Mateer, Esq. has invited AQG members to visit the East Bay Children's Law Offices on Friday July 31 @10:30-11:30am, 7700 Edgewater Drive, Suite 210 Oakland, CA, 94621, (510) 496-5200.

This is a great opportunity to see all the donations in the office and understand the many services provided to foster youth in Alameda County.

The event organizer is Jeanne Heffernan. If you have any questions, please call or text (650) 888-8959

LOOKING AHEAD

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

We have two spots left for our annual Mini Retreat. 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!

ALAMEDA HOLIDAY FEST NOVEMBER 15

Alameda Holiday Fest is coming in November and AQG is going to be a vendor. This will be a great fundraiser for our guild. This is a high-quality fair on Bay Farm, so put on your creative hats and start creating! The Holiday Fest is one day only, for 6 hours. Carol Cislowski is chairing the endeavor, watch for more info to come. You can contact Carol via ccislowski@gmail.com.

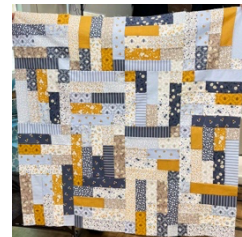
We plan to sell: Place mats - sets of 4-6, Matching napkins, Humbug Bags, Table Runners, Baby changing mats (18x22"), Joy Bundles & Fabric Postcards

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!



GUILD REMINDERS AND NOTES

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 67. Starting in July, new members pay a pro-rated \$25 for membership. Welcome new members Rebecca Tabert and Maya Geleroff!

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

Dianne Rodrigues - phidi@sbcglobal.net / Debbie Falzone – 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

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 July 9th and will include: Foster Youth, Sutter Hospice, patriotic pillowcases and fidget quilts.

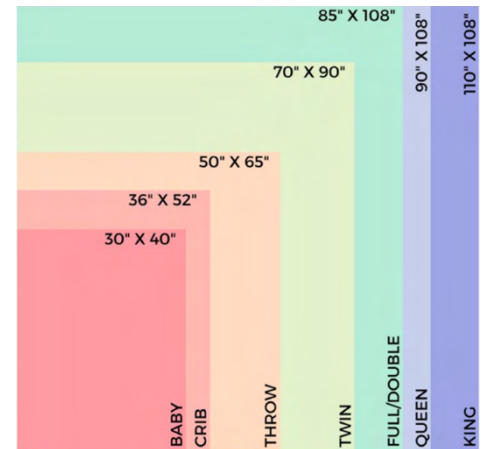
Any outreach queries call/text (650) 888-8959 or email Jeanne Heffernan, jmh8346@sbcglobal.net

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 July 19 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.

- 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! 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.



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.

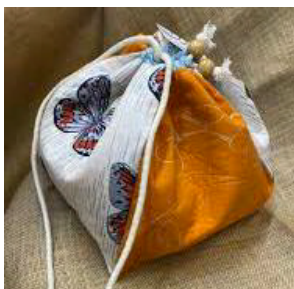
August – NO WORKSHOP



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)

Sat Aug 8 10am-5pm, Sun Aug 9 10am-4pm Quilt Show: Delta Quilters
Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak St, Brentwood, CA 94513

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

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.

*Check out the current class schedule at the end of this newsletter

GUILD CONTACT INFO

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July 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	2	3	4 1pm – 3pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom
5	6	7	8 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	9 7PM General Mtg Trinity Lutheran	10	11 10am-3pm Workshop Corica Golf Course
12	13	14	15 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	16	17 11am – 3pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran	18 1pm – 3pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom
19	20	21	22 10am-12pm Wed Stitchers Corica Golf Course	23	24	25
26	27	28 1pm – 3pm Board Mtg Trinity Lutheran	29	30	31	

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	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

JUNE 11 TECHNIQUES DEMONSTRATION

Thank you to these four amazing members who led the following demonstrations

Terry Hodges

Using Thangles to make HSTs (Half Square Triangles)



Jeanne Heffernan
Freestyle Curves



Sally Mirault
Mitered Borders



Dorothy Kerwin
Y Seams



SHOW'N'TELL



Upcoming Classes at New Pieces Quilt Shop

Check out the calendar (<https://www.newpieces.com/calendar.php?mth=1>) to get more details about each class and call the shop to register for any class. You can also sign up for the newsletter through the link on the website. (www.newpieces.com)

Sashiko Stitch-in

Second Monday Each Month:

next is July 13 10:30 -12:30

with Janet McDonald

Bring something of your own to work on or purchase supplies in the shop. Beginners welcome.

WALKING-FOOT QUILTING

with Claire Sherman

Thursday, July 16 noon-2:30

Learn to quilt on your home machine the easy way, with a walking foot. Practice straight, curved and spiral quilting designs; many of them without marking your quilt beforehand. The class will also cover different ways to mark your quilt prior to quilting, and guidance on how to choose quilting patterns. This class is for everyone from beginners to those with experience with walking foot quilting. If you don't already own a walking foot, you will need to buy one that fits your sewing machine.

English Paper Piecing Meetup with Wendy Snyder

Wednesdays, July 15 & August 5

12:30 - 2:30

Wendy, an accomplished English Paper piecer will be leading this meet-up over the summer while Jamie is away for July and August. All are welcome from beginner to expert. Wendy will help you get started on a new project or work with you on an existing one.

Three Little Kittens (Fusible or Hand Applique)

with Nancy Brown

July 18 10:30-3:30

Come learn all about fusible applique and hand applique (you choose which method to try), how to choose fabric/colors and how to portray kittens/cats while working on a wallhanging featuring three kittens. Later in the day, you will be shown how to make a pattern from a photo of your own cat. All levels welcome!

String A-Long

with Fern Royce

Saturday, July 25 10:30-3:30

Join Fern for an adventure creating new fabric from narrow strips or "strings". String quilting has been practiced by thrifty quilters for years as a way of using up the smallest bits of precious leftover scraps. Traditionally the strips were sewn onto paper or cloth foundation which allowed the quilter to use and combine whatever she had including thin, slinky or sheer scraps leftover from garment making. Fern teaches a paperless or foundation-free method. It is a quick and fun way to use up lots of scraps. You will be amazed to see how a random assortment of fabrics can come together and make a vibrant, cohesive quilt.

This class is a "process" class, where the focus will be on learning tips and techniques for making string quilts rather than completing a quilt top. During the workshop, you will use this technique to make squares, triangles and rectangles. You can focus on making just one type of string block or make a sample of multiple types of

blocks. We will talk about the various settings for string quilts in order to put all the blocks together to make your own unique quilt.

Introduction to Ruler Work Quilting

with Jackie Lam

July 29 10:30 - 2:30

Curious about ruler work quilting? Join Jackie for an introduction to this exciting technique and learn how to create beautiful designs with your sewing machine using quilting rulers. This class is perfect for beginners who want to build confidence and expand their machine quilting skills.

You will learn the basics of ruler work, including proper ruler handling, design planning, and stitching techniques to help you achieve clean, professional looking results.

BASIC BINDING PLUS

with Janet McDonald

Saturday, August 1 OR Monday, August 3 10:30-1:30

Learn basic binding for straight-edged quilts and one specialty binding. The kit provided includes simple tools and materials to make samples in class to take with you to make binding your next quilts easier and produce more beautiful results. These tips and techniques will be useful whether you machine stitch binding to the front of your quilt and hand sew it to the back or machine stitch both front and back. Janet binds customer quilts at New Pieces and will share things she has learned.

BEGINNING QUILT MAKING

With Jane Strem

Sundays, July 26, August 2, 9, 16 12:30 to 3:00

Students will learn basic beginner skills while making a small quilt. Students will learn how to cut fabric pieces using a rotary cutter, ruler and mat; how to sew an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam; how to create various blocks using straight seams; how to add sashing, cornerstones, and borders. There will be a discussion on quilting techniques and a demonstration of binding.

The teacher will demonstrate cutting & sewing techniques. Then students will work on their blocks in class. Additional sewing will need to be completed outside of class.