



THE BRIDGE

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

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

A big thank you to everyone who was involved in planning, organizing and participating in Alameda's annual Fourth of July parade. Seeing the truck decorated with beautiful quilts and a banner with our name in addition to the walking members adorning quilt blocks on their shirts put a smile on my face, happy tears in my eyes and a strong sense of pride. It was a wonderful way to let the community know we're here and they're welcome to join us.

Another opportunity to make our presence known in our community will take place Sept. 1 – Oct 16 at the Blue Dot Café and Coffee Bar in Alameda. The café decorates its walls with work by local artists, and our guild will be part of the rotation this fall. The owner of Blue Dot is hoping for contemporary, modern or funky items that reflect the ambience of her café.

The exhibit will be displayed on two walls of the main room. Quilted items should be 18" square or less and must have a 4" sleeve on the back for hanging. You Tube has a tutorial by Fons & Porter showing how to easily make a sleeve. Table runners and placemats are also accepted. Items may be sold. All sales will be negotiated between you and the buyer and not finalized until after the exhibit is taken down.

Members interested in displaying your work must contact Sally Mirault no later than August 15. Her cell phone # and email address is printed in the AQG Membership Directory.

UPCOMING DATES

Sat, Aug 1	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat / Look for Zoom link
Thu, Aug 13	7 pm General Mtg: Gift demonstrations Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Fri, Aug 21	11 am – 3 pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central
Sat, Aug 15	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat / Look for Zoom link
Tue, Aug 25	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 – AUG 13

This meeting we will have gift-making demonstrations. We will also have Show N'Tell 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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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

Stephanie Timmerman, Christine Walter, Jeanne Heffernan, Susan Correa, Dianne Rodrigues, Pauline Marx, Marlene Miller, Marie Dunford

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

Aug BOM is Disappearing 4 Patch, a 8.5" block. Kits are available for \$2, to be returned at the Sept 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 – Aug 1 & 15

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 – Aug 21

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.

ANNUAL MINI RETREAT SEPT 19 – 20

Final payment of \$70 is due by mail (payable to AQG and mailed to Terry Hodges - address is printed in the AQG Membership Directory) or at the August 13 guild meeting.

REGISTRATION CLOSED

APPRECIATION

ALAMEDA GUILD AT THE ALAMEDA ART & WINE FAIRE

The Guild manned a booth at the Art & Wine Faire on Sunday July 26. We talked with many people, did a little art project with them, and collected contact information for many. It was a fun day and we hope that we have attracted some new people to our guild. Thank you to Mitzi Wong-Nguyen, Carol Cislowski, Rikki Henneman, Susan Correa, Carol Putney, Laurie Moyer, Nellie Chang and Maya Geleroff for staffing the booth and special thanks to Jennifer Serr who made it possible.

ALAMEDA GUILD IN THE 4th OF JULY PARADE

A huge thank you to Dianne Rodriguez for organizing our quilt guild's first-ever float in the Fourth of July parade! It was a wonderful way to bring our love of quilting into the community and share our guild spirit with everyone along the parade route. And a big thank you also to Phillip, Dianne's husband, for building the frame displaying the quilts, to Rikki Henneman for providing and driving the float and to all the AQG members who joined in the fun!

JULY DONATION EVENT

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated quilts and other handmade treasures during our July donation event. Each quilt and crafted item represents not only your time and talent, but also your caring and compassion for others in our community. Your generosity will bring warmth, comfort, and joy to those who receive these special gifts.

Our tally of donations was:

Sutter Care at Home: Quilts-1 / fidget quilts 14/ Joy Bundles 5/ Patriotic pillowcases cases 22

Foster youth/ EBCLO East Bay Children's Law Office Represented by Kristin Mateer and Roxanne Romell
Quilts 39/ Teen totes 22/ pillowcases 77/ Humbags (project glitter) 9

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. Get inspired to create at our August meeting by watching demonstrations of Joy Bundles, Baby Pads, and Table Runners. We will also be selling Hum Bug Bags and Placemats at the Holiday Fest. This is an opportunity for our Guild to raise funds for future speakers, projects, parties and retreats. So be creative and happy sewing.

In September we will have a special session where you can have your napkins hemmed by serger, or you are welcome to finish the hems on your own. We will also demo Hum Bug bag construction. They are really easy and fun to make. Watch for details in the September newsletter.

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

GUILD REMINDERS AND NOTES

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 69. 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 Aug 13. Welcome new members Christine Walter and Carly Asher!

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.

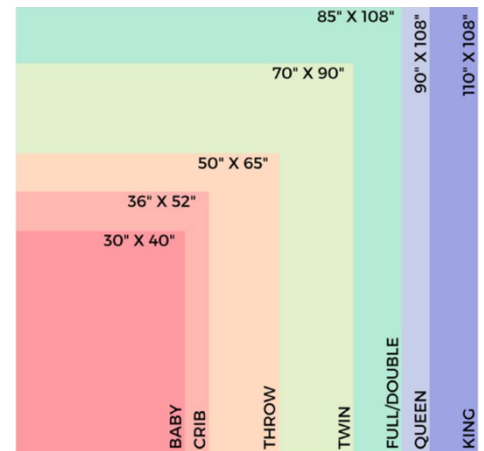
Our next Donation Night is in Nov 12th and will include Foster Youth and Midway Shelter. Any outreach queries call/text (650) 888-8959 or email Jeanne Heffernan, jmh8346@sbcglobal.net

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 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.

- 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.

August – NO 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)

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.

GUILD CONTACT INFO

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AUGUST 2026

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

ALAMEDA QUILT GUILD SCHEDULE 2026

	General Mtg	Board Mtg	Open Sew	Sew 'N Chat/Zoom	Workshops
<i>Month</i>	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

JULY DONATION EVENT

Jennifer Fisher from Sutter Care at Home sent a photo and thanks for AQG gifts of patriotic pillowcases, quilts, and fidgets quilts and Joy Bundles.



JULY 4th PARADE



Mayor Ashcraft loved our float and quilts!



ALAMEDA ART & WINE FAIRE



SEW ALONG REVEAL

What an assortment of unique and beautiful quilts – all from the same blocks!



SHOW N' TELL



APPLIQUE THREE WAYS WORKSHOP

Thank you Jennifer Serr for teaching this fun and informative workshop!



VISIT TO THE EAST BAY CHILDREN'S LAW OFFICES ON FRIDAY JULY 31

Kristen Mateer Esq welcomed eight AQG members to the EBCLO, sharing the legal service details for Alameda County foster youth/ families. The lawyers very excitedly expressed gratitude for AQG gifting of quilts, all sizes, reversible totes, humbags and pillowcases. We were invited to place our painted handprints on the Tree of Hands, an art concept designed by a foster child.

