



THE BRIDGE

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

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

At our July meeting it was wonderful to see the church sanctuary filled with our sewn items. It makes me happy and proud of our guild to think about those kids with their new quilts

Hope you are enjoying whatever get-aways you have this summer.

My last one is this coming weekend. Quite a few years ago a close friend and I reserved a group campsite on the coast and invited our family and family (close friends who we treat as family) to come for the weekend. We have (mostly) returned year after year. The first year we were there, it was my 40th birthday and my birthday gift to myself was live music. I invited a duo to do their musical warm-up at the campsite prior to their coffee shop gig. Since then, we have made live music a tradition. And though our weekend varies each year depending on availability (sometime between June and September), we always consider it to be my birthday.

There are now grandkids and their friends running around. Michael and I have graduated to staying at a nearby motel and are now day campers instead of overnights. But we are still there for the cookout, the music, the sunset, and the s'mores. Pauline Marx

UPCOMING DATES

Sat, Aug 9	10am – 3pm Workshop. Donation sewing: pillowcase kits and instructions for fidget quilts and humbug bags will be available Corica Golf Course
Thu, Aug 14	7 pm General Mtg at Trinity Lutheran 1323 Central
Fri, Aug 15	11am – 3pm Open Sew Corica Golf Course
Sat, Aug 16	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat / Look for Zoom link
Tue, Aug 26	1pm Board Meeting. Potluck lunch at noon Home of Terry Hodges

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

GENERAL MEETING – AUGUST 14

Join us for our SHOW & TELL – a - thon. This is your chance to share the projects you have made this year in Guild activities: at a workshop; during retreats, and while participating in friendship groups, open sew, or Sew 'N Chat.

We also invite you to share other crafts you might enjoy, too numerous to name.

We want to see what you enjoy and support your accomplishments. Prepare to be cheered!

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 74. 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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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

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

AQG ROUND ROBIN

Suzanne Duran will be sending around a clipboard again for signing up to join a Round Robin project. We will have groups of 6. Each participant makes a center block measuring between 10 & 15 inches. There will be a tote bag, including 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

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

There is no block this month.

Remember to return any previously finished blocks. We have a list of past winners and they will be appreciated.

Suzanne Duran & Joy Beireis-Molnar

OPEN SEW – AUGUST 15

Open Sew will meet at Corica Golf Course in August. We meet from 11am – 3pm. Bring your favorite project and a dish to share for lunch.

SEW 'N CHAT – ZOOM – AUGUST 16

Join us for a chance to work, see, and talk with friends on-line. We'll meet the third Saturday, August 16 from 1pm-3pm. Look for the link.

FABRIC AND TOOLS SALE – AUGUST 23 & AUGUST 24

A not to be missed event. This is the liquidation of Joan Beall's sewing room. Kathleen Fennelly, Li Volin, your editor, and others spent hours sorting and packing Joan's supplies. All of it will be on offer – take what you can use and make a donation to the Guild. We're hoping everything will find a good home.

Place and Time: 2918 Lincoln Ave, 9am – 4pm, Saturday and Sunday.

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.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Send items to
kerwindorothy@gmail.com

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.

AUGUST:	Show 'N Tell-Athon – Items from friendship groups, crafts, workshops
SEPTEMBER*:	Trunk Show – Doreen Speckmann, presented by Debbie Falzone
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!

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR 2025

August 9 – Donation Sewing & Lunch - Facilitator Terry Hodges - Fee : cost of your lunch

Take this day to work on your quilts, joy bundles, pillow cases, humbags or fidget quilts for our donation day in November. Enjoy sewing with other members and having lunch with them at Jim's on the Course.



September 13 – Wearable Fashion Using Quilt Blocks –

Teacher Dorothy Kerwin- fee \$10.00

This workshop will share ideas for using an existing or new quilt block to embellish a T shirt or sweatshirt. We all have orphan blocks of different sizes and patterns. We'll use some creativity to decorate a shirt for ourselves, or as a gift.

We will be designing a quilt block to sew onto a garment. Orphan quilt blocks are encouraged. A variety of fabrics will be provided, also feel free to bring your own. Cutting mat, irons and wool mats will be provided.



(back of shirt)

October 11 - Start Slow Stitching or Kawandi – 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.

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

Sat – Sun, Aug 9th-10th, Saturday, 10-4, Sunday 10-3:30 Quilt Show: **Delta Quilters**, Brentwood

Admission: \$12, good for both days - under 8 and over 80 free deltaquilters.org

Featuring: Quilts Demos Vendors Boutique Raffles Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak St, Brentwood

Fri – Sat, Sep 19th-20th, 10-4 Friday, 10-3 Saturday

Quilt Show: **Foothill Quilters Guild**, Auburn "Stars of the Foothills"

Cost: \$10 Activities: Featured Quilter, Cafe, Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes, Quilts, Vendors, Special Exhibits
Parkside Church, 3885 Richardson Dr, Auburn CA

Sat – Sun, Sep 27th-28th Quilt Show: **Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association** Celebrating our 50th Anniversary!

\$15 admission at the door, \$12 in advance Vendors, food, and free parking

Information available at scvqa.org/quiltshow Club Sportiva, 521 Charcot Ave, San Jose, CA 95131

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES – Jeanne Heffernan and Helene Young

November Donation requests:

Midway Women's Shelter – Quilts for women and teens. Pillowcases for women and children, joy bundles for young children. Representatives Ginny Krutilek and Carrie Thompson

EBCLO Foster Youth – Quilts (especially twin size for teens) and pillowcases. - Kristen Mateer

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. Nancy Griffin and Jeanne Heffernan are Committee chairs; 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 or Nancy Griffin. 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.

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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

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Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

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AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 10am-3pm WORKSHOP Corica Golf Course
10	11	12	13	14 7pm GEN MTG Trinity Lutheran	15 11am – 3pm OPEN SEW Corica Golf Course	16 1pm – 3pm SEW 'N CHAT Zoom
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 1pm Board Meeting @ Terry Hodges Pot luck @ noon	27	28	29	30/31

WORKSHOP – SEWING ROLL



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>August</i>	Aug 14	Aug 26	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 9
<i>September</i>	Sept 11	Sept 23	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 13
<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)