



THE BRIDGE

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

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Next-Gen

You may recall that Jennifer Serr arranged a Kawandi stitching event for a local Girl Scout troop. Rikki Henneman, Jeanne Hefferman and I joined her as helpers at The Sewing Room on Sunday.

Next-gen, when referring to people rather than technology, “describes the upcoming, younger, or succeeding cohort of individuals who will take over leadership or shape the future, often characterized by tech-savvy, innovative, and forward-thinking traits. It is not strictly an age demographic, but a mindset, sometimes defining users heavily immersed in technology.”

I was heartened by our time with these young women, who may become our next generation of quilters. They were patient with themselves and each other, not self-critical or judgmental. They persevered and were productive. An all-over positive experience for everyone!

UPCOMING DATES

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

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 & items	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

GENERAL MEETING – APRIL 9

Colleen Pelfrey joins us this month as guest speaker. Her talk is entitled “Life with a Border Around It”. We’ll also have a Kiss-It-Goodbye table. Bring what you don’t want, take what you do! The Carquinez Strait Stitchers will bring their opportunity quilt to share with us. Bring some cash and support our sister guilds.

For members participating in the Round Robin project, bring it to the general meeting for our 2nd exchange. Please give to Suzanne Duran to confirm and she will give to next person in group. If you are unable to attend meeting, call Suzanne Duran at (510) 326-7931.

Door open 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.

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 April 9. Welcome to our new member Michelle Thomas-Simon!

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

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

April BIRTHDAYS



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

Carol King and Michelle Thomas-Simon

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

April BOM is Opposites Attract. Kits are available for \$2, to be returned at the May Guild meeting. Finished blocks will be awarded via drawing. Remember to return March and any other previously finished blocks. We have a list of past winners and they will be appreciated.

Suzanne Duran & Joy Beireis-Molnar



SEW ‘N CHAT – April 4 & 18

Join us for a chance to work, see, and talk with friends on-line. We meet the first & third Saturday, April 4 & 18 from 1 pm-3 pm.

Look for the Zoom link.

OPEN SEW – April 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.

LOCAL SHOP HOP - MAY 8

On Friday May 8 we will have a Local Shop Hop. We will go to New Pieces, then lunch, on to Stonemountain & Daughter and ending with Lacies, a lace and textile museum and store. If you would like to attend, email terrychodges@aol.com or sign up at the April guild meeting.

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

AQG AUCTION 2026

I'd like to thank the many volunteers who worked to make this year's auction such a success.

If I have (unintentionally) left you out – please let me know and I will correct it next month. (I know, promises, promises.)

Thank you to Jeanne Heffernan, Linda Ganfield, Bee Stees, Pat and Phil Mahoney, Marge McLean, Rikki Henneman, Elana Swartzman, Carol Bernard, Jennifer Serr, and Rachelle King.

Thank you also to everyone who donated an item for the silent auction or the live auction. Thank you to Joan Beall for the many wonderful items from her sewing room.

It is certainly true that it takes a village – and Alameda Quilt Guild is a fabulous village.

Dorothy Kerwin

UKRAINE QUILT SQUARES

From Susan Correa:

“Just received these wonderful Ukraine squares from our friend Diane Simoni who now lives in North Carolina. She even had her quilting friends from her new quilt group add squares to the cause. Thank you to Diane and her new quilting buddies!”



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.

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

HOLDERS & FOLDERS

New AQG volunteer opportunity! We are seeking volunteers to hold and then fold quilts when we have speaker presentations. Next opportunity is April 9. If you are interested, please reach out to Carol Bernard carols88@comcast.net

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!

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.

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

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 are now open. \$200 (1/3) was due by the January 2026 meeting, 2nd \$200 was due at the March 2026 meeting and final \$200 was due at the April 2026 meeting. Check to be made out to Alameda Quilt Guild

QUILTED ART EXHIBIT

The Blue Dot Café and Coffee Bar in Alameda decorates its walls with art created by local artists. Their work is normally on exhibit for a month. Blue Dot's owner is very interested in AQG being part of the rotation by displaying samples of quilted items. The café's wall space is limited so submissions need to be relatively small such as mini quilts, fidget quilts, table toppers, placemats, etc. and a variety of techniques are encouraged (applique, Sashiko, Kawandi, multimedia, collage, English paper or foundation piecing).

A show of interest by members is needed before AQG makes a commitment to Blue Dot. Please contact Sally Mirault by text ((510)326-0601) or email (sallymirault@comcast.net) if you're interested in participating.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES - Jeanne Heffernan and Helene Young

Our next Donation Night is in July and will include: Foster Youth, Sutter Hospice, patriotic and fidget quilts.

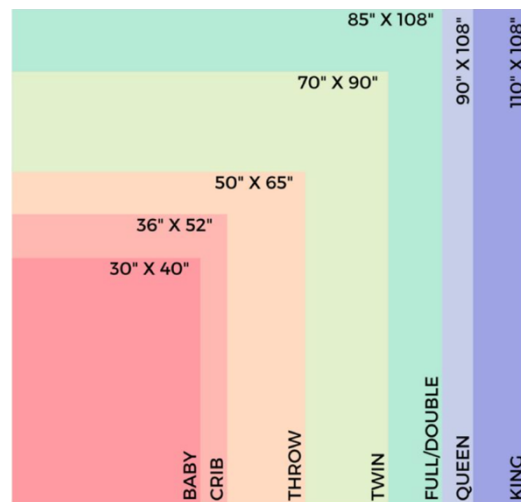
Every member is encouraged to make at least one item for AQG charities. The item choices are quilts, pillow cases (pattern available), fidget quilts, shopping totes, and zippered humbags (triangular bags)

Any outreach queries call/text (650) 888-8959 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; 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.



ICELAND TRIP OPPORTUNITY WITH AFFILIATE MEMBER JENNIFER SERR

Weaving Iceland's Wonders with Jennifer Serr - August 1-6 2026

The click of knitting needles, the hush of hot springs, the tumble of waterfalls—this journey weaves them all together into one unforgettable tapestry. Over six summer days in Iceland, quiet craft circles blend seamlessly with awe-inspiring exploration: seaside black sands, volcanic fields, cozy lagoons, the Golden Circle, and even a sheep farm where yarn traditions come alive. With generous moments for hand sewing, knitting, and slow creation, every stop unfolds like a thread stitched into the story you'll take home. Designed with crafters, makers, and curious explorers in mind, this trip offers time to create, connect, and see the beauty of Iceland through a lens of artistry and wonder.

We will have a dedicated crafting space each day and I'll lead an ongoing craft project (with a kit) that we can do when we are not visiting the Blue Lagoon, viewing waterfalls or visiting a sheep farm and discovering all about wool production. I hope you can join me. Book soon as spots are already filling up.

\$3004 /per person + your own airfare. The price is based on double occupancy, however, a link for a single room add-on is at the bottom. It's going to be so much fun!

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS APRIL 28TH



<https://www.tourhero.com/en/epic-adventures/iceland/weaving-icelands-wonders-with-jennifer-serr-70263176>

EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Be vigilant for email messages that seem to originate from guild members requesting help with transferring funds or a similar matter. Do not respond to the email or call the number provided in the message. If you're uncertain, refer to the contact information in the membership directory to reach out to the member.

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.

- APRIL*:** Speaker/in person – Colleen Pelfrey, “Life with a Border Around It”
- MAY*:** AQG 11th 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.



April 11 – Quilted Jacket Teacher: Diane Rodrigues, class fee \$20.00

Create a jacket using an old or new quilt. Make a one-of-a-kind jacket for yourself or a friend. A great way to recycle a work of art.

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



June 13 – Disappearing Pinwheel – Teacher: Jane Strem, class fee \$20.00

Make an adorable pinwheel quilt, from table runner size to king size, you decide. This quilt is layer cake friendly. With one layer cake, a 10" square of fabric and one 10" square of background fabric, you will get two blocks. An entire layer cake will give you an 80 block quilt. There will also be sashing and cornerstones in Jane's finished quilt.



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 – Sun April 4 – 5; 10am to 5pm, Sat; 10 to 4pm, Sun. Quilt Show: Carquinez Strait Stitches
Spring on the Strait Quilt Show, the biennial quilt show is a 2-day event at Benicia's historic Clocktower. The show includes demonstrations, quilts, wearable art, vendors, Country Store, Opportunity quilt, raffle tickets for various prizes, and refreshments. Benicia Clock Tower, 1189 Washington St, Benicia, CA 94501
For more information please visit: <https://cssquilter.org>

Fri – Sat April 10 – 11; 4-9pm on Fri, 10am to 3pm on Sat. Celebration for World Relief Sale and their first big quilt show. Celebration for World Relief is a group of Mennonite and Anabaptist churches on the West Coast who work together to raise funds for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) a world relief organization begun by the Mennonite Churches in response to hunger and famine in Russia over a century ago. Fresno Pacific University, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave. Fresno, CA 93702

For more information please visit: [2026 Poster](#)

Sat – Sun April 18 – 19, 10am to 4pm. Quilt Show: GQCCC, Walnut Creek

Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit: <https://gqccc.org/event-6506023>

Sat – Sun April 18 – 19, 10am to 3 pm. Quilt Show: Silicon Valley Modern Quilt Guild

Join us to celebrate the world of modern quilts. Our members will showcase guild group projects, classes, small group work, and well over 100 member quilts that display the wide range of modern quilts, from improvisational piecing to modern traditionalism! Covington Elementary, 205 Covington Rd, Los Altos CA 94024

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit: <https://siliconvalleymqg.com/guildshow/>

Sat – Sun April 25 - 26, 10am-4pm. Quilt Show: Pine Tree Quilt Guild, Grass Valley

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit: <https://pinetreequiltguild.com/2026-quilt-show>

40th Annual Quilt Show - Springtime in the Pines. See hundreds of beautiful, colorful and innovative quilt entries, plus a special retrospective of past winners and featured quilters. Vendors, raffles, silent auction, huge Country Store, food court, art quilts by Mountain Art Quilters, and much more.

Sat – Sun April 25, 10am-4pm, April 26, 10am-3pm. Quilt Show: Amador Valley Quilters

"Quilting with Friends". Trinity Church Gymnasium, 557 Olivina Ave, Livermore

More information: <https://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress/2026-quilt-show/>

Fri – Sat May 1, 10am-5pm, May 2, 10am-4p. Quilt Show: Quilters Sew-Ciety of Redding

"Quilt America 250 Years of Creativity". Shasta District, Fairgrounds and Event Center, 1890 Briggs St, Anderson, CA 96007. \$10 admission covers both days. <https://quilterssewciety.org/>

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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April 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		

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 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

Girl Scout Engagement
Thank you Jennifer Serr for organizing and hosting the
Girl Scout Kawandi tutorial on March 29



Thank you Leslie Sorenson for leading the March Workshop – Stack the Scraps

