

THE BRIDGE

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

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



Monarch Butterfly part 3.

Although the butterfly saga continues in my backyard, this is the last missive on the topic: an opportunity to show off our newly hatched butterflies!

Our six cocoons hatched after 12-17 days. They began as light green with a metallic trim and

darkened as time went on. We could see the stripes of the butterfly through the cocoon membrane.

When each was ready to hatch, the cocooned blacked and the colors inside became vivid. Then one by one they left the cocoon, hung for up to a day drying and unfurling their wings, and then flew off.

The milkweed plant was lonely for a couple of days, but now we have some new caterpillars, so the cycle begins again.



Pauline Marx, Leadership Team

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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Pauline Marx / Sally Mirault

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Marge McLean

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Terry Hodges

UPCOMING DATES

Sat, Nov 8 10am – 3pm Workshop.

Corica Golf Course

Thu, Nov 13 7 pm General Mtg at Trinity

Lutheran

1323 Central

Sat, Nov 15 1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat /

Look for Zoom link

Tue, Nov 18 1pm Board Meeting. at Trinity

Lutheran, 1323 Central

Fri, Nov 21 11am – 3pm Open Sew

Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central

GENERAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 13

This is our semi-annual donation meeting. Bring your quilts, pillowcases, teen totes, triangle bags, and joy bundles to donate to foster youth and the Midway Shelter.

We will also have a member interview, voting on the 2026 Board, and the Panel Challenge reveal and voting.

See you there!

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.

Bring your checkbook to the November or December meeting to renew your membership for 2026. Or send your \$50 check to: AQG, P.O. Box 2724, Alameda, CA 94501

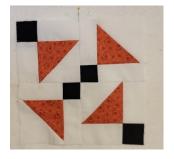
Dianne Rodrigues - phidi@sbcglobal.net / Debbie Falzone - debbie.falzone@gmail.com

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

No birthdays this month. Get busy and recruit a member with a November birthday!



BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

Please return completed BOM Disappearing Shoo Fly blocks to November meeting.

There will not be BOMs for November, December & January due to the holidays. Look for a new BOM in February.

Suzanne Duran & Joy Beireis-Molnar

OPEN SEW – NOVEMBER 21

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

Bring hand or machine sewing, see what others are doing and ask for opinions / assistance. It's a lot of fun and we bring pot luck to share for lunch.

SEW 'N CHAT-NOVEMBER 15 - ZOOM

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

Look for the Zoom link.



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

It is with sadness that I share the news of the passing of Jane Hageman, a long time Guild member. Jane was an accomplished quilter, a master teacher, and more than generous with her time and talent. She could be found at AQG retreats and most Open Sews, ready to assist the less talented among us. She will be greatly missed.

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.

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.

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 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

January 10 - Fabric Bowls, Teacher Marlene Miller, class fee \$20.00;kit fee \$20.00

Spend the day learning to sew these fun, addictive and lovely bowls. The technique is similar to English Paper Piecing and it makes it a very portable project.

These bowls are so much fun to personalize and make as gifts ... I bet you can't make just one!

Kit (\$20.00) includes: small bowl pattern, master templates, template plastic, Peltex 70, and a hand sewing needle.

February 14 – 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 or whatever you want. This is a perfect project to use up those extra scraps. This makes a great gift!

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



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)

Sat – Sun Nov 8th **- 9**th Quilt Show: Oroville Piecemakers

"Beauty on the River" 10am - 4pm both days Admission \$10

Vendors, raffle baskets, a quilters boutique and the Opportunity quilt drawing will be held Sunday at 3pm.

Mooretown Rancheria Gym, 2 Alverda Dr, Oroville

Sat Nov 8th Event: Quilt and Craft Bazaar, Sacramento

Quilt and Craft Bazaar Saturday only, 9:00 AM to 3:00PM Free Admission and Free Parking

Country Store, Fabric, Raffle Baskets, Quilt Displays, Demonstrations and more

Golden Pond Retirement Community, 3415 Mayhew Rd, Sacramento, CA 95827, USA

Fri – Sat Nov 14th - 15th Quilt Show: Pioneer Quilters, Rocklin Quilt Show and Sale.

Friday 10-4, Saturday 10-3 Admission \$10, good for both days; children 12 and under free.

Quilts for Sale. Boutique, Vendors, Demonstrations, Door Prizes, Raffle Baskets. Lunch available. Free parking

More information, pioneerquiltersguild.org/quiltshow

Mahany Fitness Center, 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville, CA 95747, USA

Fri – Sun Feb 6th - 8th 10am to 4pm Quilt Show: Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild

40th Anniversary Quilt Show: "Ruby Celebration - 40 Years of Quilting Stars"

More information: https://www.folsomguilt.org/guilt-show---2026.html

Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma St, Folsom, CA 95630, USA

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

"Quilting with Friends" More information: https://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress/2026-quilt-show/

Trinity Church Gymnasium, 557 Olivina Ave, Livermore

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 13 Donation requests:

The November 13 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; 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 510 710-9525 thesewingroomalameda.com New Pieces Quilt Shop, Inc, 766 Gilman, Berkeley 510-527-6779 newpiecesstaff@gmail.com

www.newpieces.com

Re-Crafting, 2449 Santa Clara, Alameda 510-263-0249 therecraftingco.com
Bay Quilts, 5327 Jacuzzi St, Richmond 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.

GUILD CONTACT INFO

Alameda Quilt Guild

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Alameda, CA 94501 Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1753886584897576

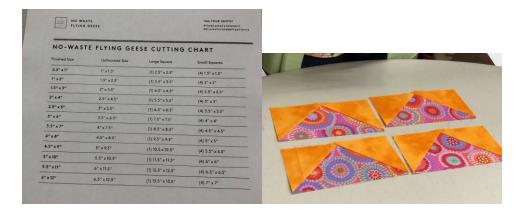
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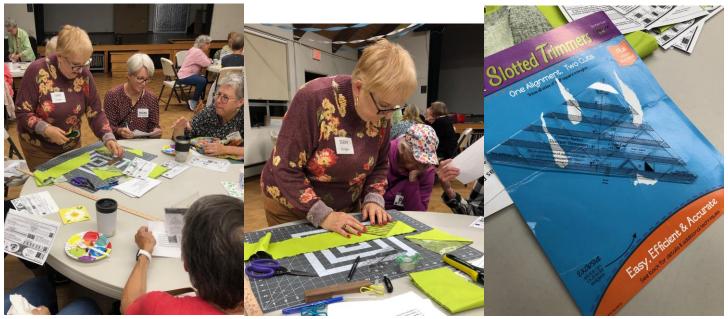
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 10am-3pm Workshop Corica Golf
9	10	11 VETERANS' DAY	12	13 7pm Gen Mtg Trinity Lutheran	14	15 1pm-3pm Sew 'N Chat Zoom
16	17	18 1pm Board Mtg Trinty Lutheran	19	20	21 11am – 3pm Open Sew Trinity Lutheran	22
23	24	25	26	27 HAPPY THASNKSGIVING	28	29/30

Activities from the Four-Demonstration October Meeting



No Waste Flying Geese





Perfect Triangles



A "magic" way to produce bias binding



Carolina Moore Glow Ruler

How to Make Hexxies

Thank you to Linda Ganfield for unearthing this picture from our first retreat. (2015/2016?)



ALAMEDA QUILT GUILD SCHEDULE 2025

Month	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
November	Nov 13	Nov 18 ***	Nov 21	Nov 15	Nov 8
December	Dec 11	None	None	None	None

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