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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am excited to be writing my first President's message for the Alameda Quilt Guild. I want to begin by thanking Sally Mirault for her excellent leadership! I expect to continue to rely on her for guidance this year.

When I agreed to be considered to serve as President, I also said that I was planning to travel this year and expected to miss some meetings. It turns out that begins with our January meeting. But we are all in capable hands, as Sally will preside over our January Zoom meeting.

We have some great things lined up for 2025! And I encourage you to get in touch with me to talk about your ideas as well. One thing that appeals to me is to use our member network to do a few non-quilting social/fun activities. I think a few good games of Scrabble or Rummikub along with a mug of hot tea could be a good place to start.

I am notoriously bad with names, so I am apologizing in advance for the many times that I may not remember yours in the moment. I'm so glad we have name tags at our meetings!

Hoping that we all have a 2025 full of love, light, good health, and quilting,

Pauline

UPCOMING DATES

Thu, Jan 9	7 pm General Mtg on Zoom
Sat, Jan 11	10am – 3pm Mat Carrier / Pressing Surface Workshop Corica Golf Course
Fri, Jan 17	11am – 3pm Open Sew Bring a dish to share for lunch
Sat, Jan 18	1 pm – 3 pm Sew 'N Chat- Look for Zoom link
Tue, Jan 28	1pm Board Meeting at Trinity Lutheran

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

GENERAL MEETING – January 9

Tammy Silvers will present “Seeing Double” creating original colorways at our January Zoom meeting. When Tammy Silvers jumped into quilting, she stuck the landing and took off running! She has designed dozens of quilts, markets her patterns and teaches so that other makers can share the joy of creating.

Join us on Zoom for our next meeting, 7pm, Thursday, January 9. The Zoom link will be sent on Wednesday, June 8 – look for it.

(if it doesn't come through, let me know kerwindorothy@gmail.com)

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 72.

Membership renewals continue - \$50 per year. Please send to PO Box 2724, 94501.

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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

Suzanne Duran, Penny Matheny, Joy Beireis-Molnar, Allison Plambeck, Patricia Smith, Sharon Flores, Ginger Atkinson, Sally Mirault, Heidi Schultz

OPEN SEW – January 17

This is a drop in forum to sew with (and learn from) others. We welcome hand and machine work. Bring something to share for our pot luck lunch.

We'll meet from 11am- 3pm on the 3rd Friday, January 17, at Trinity Lutheran, 1323 Central.

BLOCK OF THE MOMENT

It is fine to bring late BOMs to meetings. We have a list of past winners and they will be appreciated.

Look for the next BOM in February.

Suzanne Duran & Joy Beireis-Molnar

SEW 'N CHAT – Zoom, Jan 18

This will be a layer cake race. The pattern has been distributed at the last few meetings. Be sure to do your prep and be prepared to race at 1pm, Jan 18!



HOW DO I GET ONE?

This recognition pin was handed out to those members who taught a workshop in 2024. If you see one pinned to a name tag you know that member went above and beyond to support the Guild.

Our thanks.

REMINDERS

Have all your fabric cut for January's Zoom quilt race on the 18th at 1pm (refer to previously acquired pattern). The Zoom link will be sent Thursday, January 16.

Sew along patterns will be mailed out this month.

The 2025 Challenge is a Panel Challenge. Buy a panel or pick one up for free at February's guild meeting. More info to come in February.

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Send items to kerwindorothy@gmail.com

NEW ADDRESSES

LINDA GANFIELD

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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.

JANUARY:	Zoom Meeting. Tammy Silvers will present "Seeing Double" creating original colorways
FEBRUARY:	Victoria Johnson, a multi-talented instructor – Trunk Show & Quilt Journey
MARCH:	Annual Auction – fundraiser by and for members
APRIL*:	Joe Cunningham, Favorite Quilts & Stories
MAY:	10 th Birthday potluck, UFO Show 'N Tell, Member Interview
JUNE:	Yvonne Phenicie – presenting Challenge Quilt & Round Robin Inspiration
JULY*:	Donation Night, Guild Survey, Member Interview, Sew-Along Reveal
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

All workshops are taught at Corica Golf Course, on Saturdays from 10-3pm.



January 11 - Mat Carrier / Pressing Surface

This is a bag for carrying your cutting mat. The back is a heat resistant fabric for pressing on.

Teacher Terry Hodges. \$10.00 plus \$5.00 kit fee.



February 8 – Stamp Play Part 2 – Teacher Leslie Sorenson, Class fee: \$10.00, Supply fee: \$ 5.00 to be paid on class day. We will be creating custom fabric with stamps and fabric on a removable book cover. We will practice designs on paper and fabric. You do not have to take part 1 to sign up for this class. Email terrychodges@aol.com by January 24 to sign up for this class



March 8 – Fusible Applique – Teacher Carol Cislowski, Class fee: \$10.00 Students will make a placemat while learning how to do fusible applique. There will be three different patterns to choose from. You can sign up in January by email to: terrychodges@aol.com



April 12 – Doll Making – Teacher Rose Minafo, Class fee: \$10.00, Supply fee. \$10.00 (to be paid on class day). We will make an original 12” soft doll, including clothes.

May 10 – NO WORKSHOP (see you at retreat!)



June 14 - Head's Up - Teacher Jane Strem, Class fee: \$10.00. INFO COMING

July 12 – Teacher Jennifer Serr, Class fee: \$10.00. INFO COMING

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.



(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 mind and body 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)

Quilt Show: Folsom Quilt and Fiber Guild

Jan 31 – Feb 2, 10 AM - 4 PM

Admission \$10 (children under 10 free)

Quilts, Vendors, Boutique, Raffle Quilt Drawing, Food, Prizes, Fashion Show

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

Event: Beaches Quilt Retreat

Feb 3 – 7 Pismo Beach, CA

Enjoy the ocean waves while enjoying the companionship of your fellow quilters! This will be the perfect start to a fantastic year of quilting, arts and crafts, and traveling! 4 night's accommodations in an oceanfront room at the SeaCrest Oceanfront Hotel; 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners. Dedicated 24-hour sewing room. Fun, games, prizes, great company... and more!

Sign up at www.artful-travel.com/exclusive-trips

SCHEDULE CHANGE - Reminder

Trinity Lutheran Church offers the use of their meeting space to several not-for-profit organizations, including Alameda Quilt Guild. A local service organization has recently been added to the church calendar. In order to accommodate them, we have been asked to make a change in our schedule.

The following schedule is effective October 1, 2024:

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| 2nd Thursday | General Meeting – door opens 6:30 pm (no change) |
| 3rd Friday | Open Sew – 11am – 3pm (new day) |
| 4th Tuesday | Board Meeting – 1pm – 2:30pm (new day) |

LONG-ARM SEWING

RoseAnn Minafo is a member of our guild and is a long-armer. She can complete any small or large quilt in a two week turnaround. Give her a call if interested. She gives discounts to all members. 415-828-6296.

FRANK BETTE QUILT SHOW WRAPS IT UP

After seven wonderful weeks, our quilt show came down on December 22. Within an hour, the room went from being four walls full of art to just four walls. The gallery's volunteer staff was helpful and professional throughout and also gave us 18 hours per week of viewing time without requiring any of the participants to gallery-sit.

Bunches of people came through the gallery to see our work and learn about the Guild. Gallery leadership is very enthusiastic and has expressed interest in continuing to collaborate with us. A number of quilts were sold, final numbers next month.

OUTREACH – Jeanne Heffernan and Helene Young

In past 10 years AQG has continued to prioritize community giving to foster youth. We have gifted nearly 750 quilts and 1,830 pillowcases. Our current agency contact is EBCLO- East Bay Children's Law Offices.

In 2018 Joy Bundles were introduced by a member who brought the idea from Oregon. These small stuffed animals blanket-wrapped in a small quilt became another project choice for members to make for foster youth and also for dementia patients in Alameda Sutter Care at Home; a total of 725!

To date, in that same year of 2019, patriotic pillowcases were sewn for veterans on hospice/ Sutter Care at Home as requested by Brent Adams. He had recalled his grandmother making quilts and initiated his request to AQG. AQG members enthusiastically have made 274 since 2019 as well as 93 fidget quilts for dementia patients.

Other Alameda community efforts have included Midway Shelter for women & children at wintertime, Meals on Wheels quilted placemats (2021-over 225 placemats) and triangular bags to contain gifted cosmetics for teen foster youth this past November 2024- 140 bags.

Lastly, the committee started in January 2023 to finish quilt tops has completed about 35. Thank you to each of the 17 members who participated in 2024. This 'finish' committee will welcome any and all members to participate in 2025 at the February general meeting.

AQG donations are received at membership meetings bi-annually in July and November.

THE COMMUNITY QUILTERS- OUTREACH

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.

QUILT JOURNEYS

Many of you have been quilting for a long time and we would love to see some of your work. Would you be interested in presenting a mini trunk show and talking about your personal quilt journey?

Contact terrychodges@aol.com if you can volunteer or you want to nominate someone in the guild you know has an interesting journey to share.

2024 AFFILIATES

The Sewing Room, 1419 Park St Ste G

510 710-9525 thesewingroomalameda.com

New Pieces Quilt Shop, Inc, 766 Gilman, Berkeley

510-527-6779 newpieces.com

ReCrafting, 2449 Santa Clara

510-263-0249 therecraftingco.com

Bay Quilts, 5327 Jacuzzi St, Richmond

510 558-0218 create@sfbayquilts.com
www.sfbayquilts.com

Be sure to mention you saw them in this newsletter.

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JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 7pm / Zoom Gen Meeting	10	11 10am-3pm Workshop
12	13	14	15	16	17 11am – 3pm Open Sew	18 Zoom Race
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 1pm Board Mtg	29	30	31	