

SEW MUCH NEWS

Guild Meetings

General meeting:

May 3, 2016,

Petaluma

Community Center

Board Meeting:

May 31, 2016

St. John's Episcopal

Church

40 Fifth St.,

Petaluma



Don't Forget

Fat Quarter Frenzy
(Dots)

Block of the Month
Friendship Blocks

Military Blocks

COTS Quilts

Library Books

\$ for Monthly Mini

Show and Tell

Nametag



May Speaker: Laura Fraga

Last month's program was so much fun and informative. Thanks again, Lisa M., for sharing all your tool information to help us make our lives easier while making our beautiful quilts. All her quilts were amazing and so inspirational. I don't know about you, but I now have more quilts I want to make. Really??!!!! Thanks again, Lisa.

This month's speaker will be Laura Fraga. Laura is a quilter, lecturer, and teacher. Her lecture will be on "The Phenomenon of the Dear Jane Quilt." Dear Jane quilts are reproductions of a quilt made by Jane Stickle during the Civil War. The original quilt is the ultimate sampler quilt, made of 169 five inch blocks, all different and the quilt has an unusual pieced and scalloped border. We will learn all about who Jane was, and what the other "Janiacs" around the world are working on.



We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Laura L. and Sue D.



Detail of blocks from a Dear Jane quilt made by Laura Fraga.

Quilts for COTS

Thanks for the bright and cheerful quilt tops that were given at the last meeting. The Voices project will need quilts for their next donation of baskets. Some young people that exit Foster Care have nothing, and this program gives them a basket filled with basic items like laundry soap, personal care products, and a quilt. Quilt tops for this project should measure about 48 x 66 and borders are not required. The fabric packets that are labeled for quilt tops measuring 48 x 78 can be used for this other size--you'll have leftover squares. Voices is part of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans organization that grants Quilts for COTS a \$500.00 stipend for its use in creating quilts for the needy. Your quilt tops for this program are a way of giving back. Sizes for other quilt tops needed are: ADULTS - 48 x 78 and CHILDREN - any size up to 42 x 66.

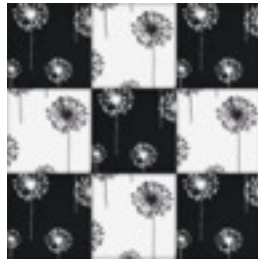
The current number of quilts created since 1993 is 3110!! Thanks for your support of this project. Ellie O.



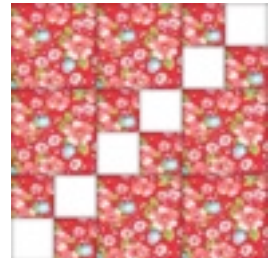
Presidents' Letter

Spring showers bring May flowers. The recent rains were very welcome to help ease our drought, but more water is always needed to keep our flowers blooming all summer. It reminds us of the need to continually feed our quilting talents. If we do not get around to work on a quilt project, it may never bloom into the beautiful quilt that it could be. It may become one of those dreaded "UFOs". Perhaps this is a good time to pull out one of those projects and nurture it into a wall hanging, lap quilt or possibly a gift for someone. If you just cannot get yourself to work on a UFO that you have had for longer than you can remember, perhaps it could be donated to the cast-off table, and someone else may just finish that project. Or if you have a small project to finish but have decided you no longer want it, you could donate it to our Monthly Mini, which is a fund raiser for our guild.

This may also be a good time to remind anyone that signed up for the Quilt Challenge, that they will be presented at our June meeting, which is just around the corner. We also want to remind everyone that our two new Opportunity Quilts will be started soon, if you have completed



your blocks, please them bring to the next meeting. It will be exciting when they can be revealed to our members, and then to the public.



In case we have not inspired you to finish up some of your projects, why not just start a new project. We can always make a quilt for COTS, which is such a worthy cause, and something we should all be very proud to be a part of.

Happy Quilting,

Jayne and Lolli



March 29, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jayne & Lolli, Co-presidents at 6:30 PM. Those present were: Lolli, Jayne, Laura L., Sue D., Marge, Gloria, Ruth, Marilyn F., Ellie, Becky, & Kitty. Barbara C. was absent. Minutes from the February Board Meeting were approved as read in the newsletter. Gloria and Ruth reported on the budget. Laura reported on the April speaker, PQG member Lisa McKissick.

Tri-guild Luncheon: There was some discussion about the next luncheon which will be hosted by PQG on March 11, 2017.

Quilt/Doll Show at Healdsburg Senior Living on April 9: Info has been e-mailed to PQG members, including entry form to show your quilts. Members are encouraged to enter quilts. We will have our Opportunity Quilt there to sell raffle

tickets. The guild will receive \$150 for participating.

PQG Quilt Show: It has been decided there will be no Petaluma Quilt Show in 2016. Other fund raisers will have to be planned instead.

2017 Opportunity Quilts: There are two quilts underway so that we will get a head start on the future. Directions for a Black & White design with appliques has been given out and the other is a Chain design that will be handed out along with the white background fabric.

PQG Library: In order for the library books to have more space and better utilization of the library, Ellie will move the Quilts for COTS area to the back of the room next to check-in. There has been a donation of quilting books. Our librarian, Cyndee, will be given them to look over and decide which can be added

to the library and which to sell.

Newsletter printing: Most members are now receiving their newsletter by e-mail. Laura L. has volunteered to print and mail the few hard copies that are needed. Sara Z. is no longer able to do the newsletter mailing task.

Retreat: Retreat finances were discussed with the Treasurers.

Board Meetings Change: Board meetings will be held at St. John's Church Library on Monday evenings instead of the Sunday School Room on Tuesdays, starting on June 27.

Next Board Meeting: Tues, April 26, 6:30, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Sunday School Rm. All are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Kitty T., PQG Secretary



May Birthdays

Mary R. - 6th

Cyndee M. - 7th

Tanya C. - 12th

Elaine R. - 12th

Judy H. - 16th

Lolli G. - 26th

Sue S. - 27th

Linda G. - 30th

Meg M. - 31st

Minutes of the April 5, 2016 General Meeting

Jayne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM by reading the list of members with April birthdays. Jo H. entertained us with the “joke of the day” especially relevant to quilters. The Minutes from the March Meeting were approved as read in the Newsletter. Barbara reported that we had one new member and five guests present tonight. Jayne welcomed Marla from Oroville Piecemakers who brought their Opportunity Quilt and raffle tickets. Also, Gina S. from Moonlight Quilters was at our meeting with their Opportunity Quilt.

Committees: Chairpersons reported on their committees. Metha passed around cute tea towels with a quilters theme, made and donated by Brenda B. for the Monthly Mini. Brenda showed the Friendship Star blocks for Block of the Month. She is also collecting items at the back of the room for Tri-guild Luncheon raffle baskets. Friendship Pieced has some old and some new blocks to be made. Friendship Applique has two new blocks to make and a finished set returned to Jayne. Tanya reported that there are 33 fat quarters in the basket tonight for Fat Quarter Frenzy. Ellie pointed out her new

location in the room where she displayed an example of how 6” squares can make a star design. She has new packets for you to take home and make tops for Quilts for COTS. She reported that 10 quilts and 10 pillowcases were delivered to COTS clients this month.

Program: Sue D. introduced our own PQG member, Lisa M., who brought a trunk show of beautiful quilts and handy quilting tools. Lisa explained which tool was helpful for each quilt she showed.

After the break, the meeting continued.

Treasurer’s Report: Gloria reported the balance in the PQG treasury.

Thank You: Metha presented Sharon J. with a handmade tote bag as a thank you for her work as Chair of the 2016 Quilt Show & Boutique.

Healdsburg Quilt/Doll

Show, April 9: Members are encouraged to enter quilts. Barbara C. will deliver quilts there on Friday, April 8. Talk to Barbara if you would like her to deliver your quilt to be displayed. We will be selling our Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets at this event.

Nominating Committee:

Connie B., Parliamentarian, asked for three or four volunteers to be on a nominating committee for the next Board Members. They will meet sometime in April or May in order to present the new slate of officers at the June General meeting. Please contact Connie if you are willing to be on this very important committee. Kitty asked for a volunteer to be a substitute secretary at the April 26 Board Meeting and the May 3 General Meeting. Kathy Blazei volunteered. Thank you, Kathy. Jayne reminded everyone that having two members share jobs lightens the load and provides for built in cover if someone can’t make a meeting.

Retreat: The next retreat at Walker Creek Ranch will be on September 16, 17, & 18. If you plan to attend, turn in a \$50 deposit. We will need enough people to stay overnight in order to get the use of the best rooms.

Opportunity Quilt

2016-2017/18: “Black & White” Opportunity Quilt blocks can be returned to Sherri G. She has a few printed copies of directions and they are also available on the PQG website. (continued on p. 5)

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Sue S. has kits for the “Chain” blocks which includes the Kona White Background. If there is not enough white, use something close from your stash. It will be a “Scrappy” quilt. Credit will be given for Friendship Pieced for every block you return. We are making both quilts to get a head start for later.

October Quilt Show: There will be no PQG Quilt Show in 2016. Jayne proposed the guild put on a Quilt Show every three years which would be 18 months apart from hosting Tri-guild

Luncheons, therefore it has been rescheduled for October, 2018.

We were able to transfer the room deposit to the Tri-guild Luncheon event in March 2017.

BOM Quilt Along: Melissa R. showed the first block for this new activity. Directions will be e-mailed to those who signed up. After each monthly block, you will have enough for a quilt for yourself. Talk to Melissa if you are interested in participating.

Wine Country Quilt Show: Gina Statler-Calhoun representing Moonlight Quilters spoke about their Quilt Show on June 4 & 5. We are invited to bring our Opportunity Quilt and sell raffle tickets. She has

sign-up sheets for volunteers to help during the show and get in free.

She also invited everyone to a fundraiser at their April 20 meeting at the Santa Rosa Veteran’s Building, 7:00 PM. It is a fabric sale by the pound.

Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26, 6:30, at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Sunday School Rm. All are welcome.

Prizes: Ellie won the Monthly Mini. Tanya won Block of the Month. Carol H. won Fat Quarter Frenzy. The theme for next month’s FQF will be “dots”.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,
KittyT., PQG Secretary

Request from the the Cast Off Table Committee

The cast off table offers some of the most delightful surprises for folks who are looking for a great find and it is, of course, free to our members. When you bring donations for the table, please remember that we are a quilt guild, first and foremost. We don't have the capability to handle carts full of items that don't really benefit our members. There are many places that will welcome your donation of non-quilt related items. Please take a moment to consider our request before you pack everything in your car and bring it to guild. Appreciate your help.

Thank you, The Cast Off Table Committee



4/30 -5/1: Sew Amazing “Sew Aweigh” Quilt Show, Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall, 900 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo.

5/13-14: Roseville Quilters Guild “25 Years of Quilting” Show, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 6365 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay.

5/21-22: Quilts in Bloom Quilt Show and Artist Market, Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, 1055 N. State St., Ukiah.

Committee Chairs

Block of the Month:

Brenda B.

Castoff:

Susan H., JoAnne Wheeler,
Sally A.

Fat Quarter Frenzy:

Tanya C.

Friendship Applique:

Shannon W.S.

Friendship Pieced:

Marilyn G., Fran Z.

Historian:

Open

Hospitality:

Anna C., Alexine S.

Library:

Cyndee M.

Military Quilts:

Melissa H.

Monthly Mini:

Metha S.

Committee Chairs

MotherHen:

Sue R., Elaine R., JoAnne W.

Newsletter:

Marilyn F.

Newsletter Mailing:

Sara Z.

Opportunity Quilt:

Open

Quilts for Cots:

Ellie O.

Retreats:

Debby L.

Show & Tell:

Becky L.

Sunshine:

Laura L.

Ways & Means:

open

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Shannon W.S.

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Check It Out

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