

SEW MUCH NEWS

Guild Meetings

General meeting:
Oct. 6th, Petaluma
Community Center

Board Meeting:
Oct. 8th, St. John's
Episcopal Church
40 Fifth St., Petaluma

Opportunity Quilt

The winning ticket for our opportunity quilt, Global Warming, will be drawn at the Oct. meeting. If you haven't, turned in your money or tickets, now is the time!

Calling All Appliqué Blocks

A number of block sets from the Friendship Appliqué table were begun with the idea that they would be offered for sale at our Quilt Show Boutique in October. Some of these blocks have not yet been returned. If you have any of these blocks, please bring them to the Oct. meeting.

October Speaker: Sonya Lee Barrington

Sonya began her quilting adventure in 1968. She's had many quilts displayed solo and in group exhibits. Some include Oklahoma City Art Museum, New England Quilt Museum, MA., and San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles. Not only has she traveled to Australia and New Zealand to teach, she has done a segment for "The Quilt Show" with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. She has her own line of hand-dyed and textured fabrics which she uses in her work. Her lecture will be on her recent body of work with samples of quilts, pillows, purses, and framed art.

Hope to see you Tuesday,

Laura L. and Sue D.

Co-Vice-Presidents of Programs



Pocket Purses by Sonya Lee Barrington

Quilts for COTS

We've been busy turning your beautiful quilt tops into fully completed quilts. On Sept. 4, a total of 15 quilts and pillowcases were delivered to the homeless shelter. Names remain on the request list, so we need your quilt tops. The Voices program (Foster Care Exit- 18-24 yr. olds) is delivering basic-needs baskets to many young adults who are without a support group. Your quilts were part of many of the baskets. Quilt top sizes needed at this time: 48 X 68 - Voices program (use the adult-sized packets for these quilt tops, just use less squares). Also needed are tops 48 X 78 for the adults. Pillowcases are also needed to accompany the adult and young adult quilts. Thanks so much for sharing your time and creative talents with those in need in our community.

Ellie O. - Chairperson



Membership Dues

If you have not yet paid your dues for the new year, please plan on doing so at our October meeting. Dues are now \$40. Please make out your check ahead of time to help lines move faster.

A Message from our Presidents



Fall is in the air and our Great Petaluma Quilt Show is just around the corner. "It takes a village" and we would like to thank all who have been a part of the prep for the show and thank those in advance who will be helping the day before and day of. We still have many openings for various jobs and times, hopefully you will sign up to help. As you all know quilts are made up of many pieces and so is our quilt show. We need each of you to help piece it together so it will be the success we are all striving for.

As we grow in our position, we strive that the guild will also grow in knowledge, friendship, outreach, skills and size. We are still in need of Co-Secretaries, and 1 or 2 more for Hospitality, please consider lending a hand, and sharing a job makes it just that much easier.

Wow! What great times were had at the Fall Retreat. So many busy hands (I counted about 30 for lunch) and beautiful projects were started and some completed. Great food, fun, laughter, friendships and memories were made. We look forward to the February retreat so we can do it all over again, why not join us next time!

Keep on stitching.....

Lolli and Jayne

October 24th Quilt Show and Boutique

We are down to the last month and the quilt show and boutique will be amazing. New features this year will be the fun viewer’s choice voting and the awarding of ribbons for each category. Also new this year is the awarding of ribbons for first, second, and third winners for quilts made by young quilters. So get out those quilts (or other handmade fabric items) and submit an entry form for the show; it must be post marked by September 24. The entry forms are available on the guild’s web site, petalumaquiltguild.org, or call 775-4186 and we will get one to you. You can enter as many as five quilts for only \$5.00! Or even better, 10 items for \$10.00! Be sure to bring your friends and family to the show to view your entries, vote for your entry, and look in the program for your name.

Show entry is only \$5.00 for adults and teenagers, (children are free), each person will receive a wristband so you can come and go throughout the day as long as you keep the band on.

We will have a nice cozy rest area where coffee, tea, water, cookies, trail-mix, nuts, and fruit will be available for sale. This rest area will help you to conserve your energy for more viewing and shopping.

Another great break in the day will be the interesting demonstrations. The schedule will be posted on the program and on a poster near the stage. You can attend a free demonstration or workshop where you can learn Sachiko embroidery by Marianne N; Circles Made Easy by Debby L; and Tips for Perfect Bindings, by Kitty T. These will start at 10:30 so be sure and come early! Space may be limited.

The Quilt show committee has been working diligently for months to fold, wrap, and price all of the lovely fabrics and other items you all have donated for the boutique. It is clear that many of you have cleaned out your sewing rooms and now have lots of room to bring in more. The committee has bundled nice packs of coordinating fabrics, which are exactly what you have been looking for to finish those small projects. We also have some fabulous quilt kits that contain all of the cut fabrics and instructions, valued at over \$200, these kits can make it so much easier to make that heritage quilt you always wanted to make but your arthritic hands just didn’t want to spend hours with the rotary cutter. Fabric in every color of the rainbow will be available so be prepared to shop.

Holiday gifts have been made and are priced to sell. We have new, handmade items including charming red work embroidered Christmas ornaments, needle folders, felted flowers for your winter hats and coats, Petaluma chicken embroidered kitchen towels, a sweet Bear and a Bunny with their own handmade pieced quilts, and flannel baby quilt. We’ve also received new thread packs, and bundles of coordinating fabrics including jelly rolls and bundles from various manufacturers. This is the time to stock up on gifts you can give year round so be sure to add them to your stash now.

Thank you to our Quilt Show Supporters

We would like to thank our supporters of the Great Petaluma Quilt Show! As you use these businesses, or if you know any of the members of the Petaluma Rotary, be sure to thank them.

Wells Fargo Bank Foundation	- \$600
Petaluma Rotary Foundation	-\$446
Come to the Point Needlework Shop. (affiliate member in San Rafael)	-\$225.

UFO's are so much fun. Someone has donated their UFO and it has your name on it. In some cases, it only needs the blocks to be put together, or binding and backing. One flannel quilt is finished, completely machine quilted and it only needs binding! What an easy way to make a Holiday gift or a charity quilt. Someone will be so pleased to have a handmade quilt and it is even more charming when more than one person has made it. So look carefully for the UFO that calls out you name.

Any of the boutique and Holiday gift items can be purchased with your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discovery cards. Debit cards that are also credit cards can also be used. Bring your shopping bags!

Be prepared with some cash to purchase raffle tickets. There will be a selection of new items donated by members and manufacturers, a \$25.00 Broadway Quilts gift certificate, and a vintage Crazy Quilt. Tickets are priced at \$1.00 for one ticket, \$5.00 for 6 tickets and \$20 for 24 tickets. You do not need to be present to win but if you are there at 3:30 when the winners are drawn, you can take your prize home that day.

The annual dues that we pay do not cover the cost of renting the Community Center and paying for our speakers. We love the speakers and fun meetings and would like to continue having them so this annual fund raiser is our way to make the extra money. So come and shop, the prices are unbelievably low, \$4.00 a yard, \$1.00 for a fat quarter. You can stock up on enough fabric for a year of projects. Be sure and bring your shopping bag!

Newsletter Archives

I recently noticed that some other quilt guilds keep archives of all their past newsletters on their website. After a conversation with Jayne during the retreat I realized that having access to old newsletters might be really useful for some of our members. I have added archives to our website in the Newsletter section, and I have newsletters back to 2007. There are some months missing and I will be contacting our past newsletter editors to try to locate the missing ones. While digging through the archives from the website, I also found PDF files of photo collages that someone did in 2007. There are some great old photos of speakers and show and tell (including pics of some of our dear departed members). You can find all of this at petalumaquiltguild.org/newsletter, so go check it out!

Have ideas for other fun and/or useful resources we can add to the website? Let me know!

-Shannon S.

October Birthday Wishes to:

Lisa L. - 6th
 Nancy L. - 7th
 Nancy D. - 23rd
 Brenda K. - 24th
 Bunny A. - 25th
 Marge B. - 28th
 Melissa H. - 29th



Minutes from the General Meeting, September 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jayne M., our new Co-President. Jayne and Lolli welcomed everyone, including two guests. The Minutes from the August meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. A representative from Oroville Piecemakers was at our meeting with raffle tickets for their beautiful Opportunity Quilt. Kitty presented Laura L., VP Programs, with a flowering plant as a thank you for her work on the Executive Board this last fiscal year, since she missed the Installation meeting in August. Jayne reminded everyone that membership renewal is due tonight. If anyone has difficulty with the increase in dues, they may speak to Jayne or Lolli.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria gave a Treasurer's report through August 31, 2015 and congratulated everyone that because of some unbudgeted income, we did not have to dip into our savings this fiscal year. The rent for our meeting room will increase by \$21/month (from \$99 to \$120) effective January 1, 2016. Gloria presented the proposed budget for Sept. 2015-Aug. 2016. This is a provisional budget because it will be revisited after our Quilt Show & Boutique fundraiser on October 24. A motion to approve the proposed budget as presented was voted on and approved by the membership. Reimbursement checks will go out when Gloria has more checks that are co-signed.

Newsletter: The newsletter will be e-mailed to all members with an e-mail address unless you personally request snail mail. Sara Z. volunteered to do the mailing in October for Bonnie when she is out of town.

Jobs to be filled: We need a Secretary (this can be a shared job) and a second person for hospitality/refreshments. Melissa H. will stay on as Military Quilts Chairperson.

Quiltlets: Please try to make an 8 ½" x 8 ½" quiltlet so they can be displayed at our Quilt Show. We now have six. Directions can be found on the PQG website. Jane made a new PQG banner. :)

Opportunity Quilt: Please turn in your raffle ticket money and ticket stubs. The drawing for "Global Warming" will be at our next meeting, Oct. 6, 2015

Retreat: There are still a few openings to go to our retreat at Walker Creek on Sept. 11, 12, & 13. Debby explained what happens at the retreat and how much fun it is to learn from each other. She showed the easy block to make for the Block Raffle.

President's Quilt: Debby (Past-president 2011-2013) presented the President's Quilts made by members for the outgoing Presidents, Kitty T. & Becky L, Co-



Presidents, 2013-2015. (Becky was absent due to illness.) All the member's signatures make it an especially nice memento. Thank you everyone.

Quilt Show/Boutique October 24: Sharon Johnson reported that quilt entry forms are on the PQG website and also some hardcopies at the back table. The deadline for entries is September 24, so please mail yours by then if you didn't bring it to the meeting. She was happy to report that we got the \$600 grant from Wells Fargo, as well as \$445 from Rotary, and \$225 from one of our affiliates "Come to the Point". This will be a great help to offset expenses. Sign-up forms were on the side table to volunteer to help on the day of the show. Helpers get in free! Some jobs are more strenuous, but many others, such as "white glove" ladies and door monitors, are very easy. The Boutique will have high-end and holiday items, so come and shop for the holidays. There will be a raffle for a vintage Crazy Quilt as well as other raffle items, and light refreshments will be available. The next committee meeting will be on Sept. 7, 10:00am, at Sharon's house.

Committee Chairs: Jayne made a lovely tote bag and matching tea towel for the Monthly Mini Drawing. Friendship Pieced will have Patriotic Blocks to make for credit. Finished Friendship Applique blocks were presented to Kathy M. If you made blocks for the boutique, please bring them to the next meeting. Ellie displayed cute matching pillowcases to go with Quilts for COTS. There is a request list for the emergency shelter of which half have already been filled. Melissa will organize a work party for Military Quilts in November.

Announcements: Jayne read a Thank You card from Deborah B., the winner of the Dorie Whipple award for machine quilting at the fair, sponsored by PQG. Louisa O. announced a Fabric Sale at the Petaluma Public Library, Sept. 9, 5:00-7:30.

Jayne read some "Fun Facts" about quilting before we broke for Birthday Cake celebrating the Petaluma Quilt Guild 22nd Anniversary.

Program: Metha S. gave a demo on how to make her fun selvage strip tote bags. She had a starter kit to give to a lucky winner.

After some awe-inspiring Show & Tell, names were drawn for prizes. Kathy M. won Block-of-the-Month, Tanya C. won Fat Quarter Frenzy (she chose green for next month), Donna P. and Mary R. won name tag & attendance door prizes, Pati M. and Cyndee M. won hospitality, Debby L. won Monthly Mini .

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by Kitty T., Acting Secretary, Sept. 2015



Board Meeting Minutes – Sept. 3, 2015

Those present were Lolli G., Jayne M., Barbara C., Laura L., Sue D., Gloria K., Ruth M., Kitty T., Becky L., Ellie O., and Marilyn F.

Lolli called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Minutes from the July Board Meeting were approved as read in the newsletter. (There was no August Board Meeting.) Gloria gave a Treasurer's Report. Connie Blackstone will again do our annual audit of the books.

Barbara reported that we had 57 members at the September General Meeting plus two guests and one new member who joined. We are almost out of membership cards and will need to have more printed. She will check on prices. 500 cards should last for more than 5 years. Ruth volunteered to help at the sign-in table in October because Barbara will be absent.

Laura reported that speakers are lined up for October and November. December is the holiday party. Laura went to "Meet the Teachers" at NCQC and she and Sue Deal will make plans for Programs for the rest of the year.

Marilyn F. volunteered to take Minutes at the October Meetings.

Hospitality - We need more volunteers for the hospitality/refreshment table. There will be NO REFRESHMENTS set up until we get more volunteers to help with this enjoyable part of our meetings. It would be very helpful if someone volunteered to take care of making coffee, hot water for tea, and/or a cold beverage, and another person took care of the food table. All the supplies are stored on-site at the Community Center. If you would like to do this, contact Jayne or Lolli.

New Opportunity Quilt – Our 2016 Opportunity Quilt has been beautifully made by members of the Redwork Rovers mini group. It will be displayed at our Quilt Show with raffle tickets available for purchase. Sue Deal will check on ticket printing prices. Now that the quilt is made, we need a volunteer to quilt-sit for the rest of the year and arrange for venues to sell tickets.

Newsletter - Marilyn asked for help accessing the e-mail list for the newsletter. She will e-mail newsletters to every member who has an e-mail address. If you can't print your own and would like a snail mail copy, please tell Barbara C. Barbara is updating the roster, including those who have requested newsletters by post. Members without an e-mail address will get a newsletter by snail mail. The next Board Meeting will be on October 8, 6:30 PM, at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted, Kitty T., Acting Secretary

Remembering Our Own

Recently, we lost two guild members, and friends. Maria "Lou" Shepherd - was a Charter member of our Guild. She died on May 27, 2015. Many of us had a chance to say last goodbyes to her on June 2, at the visitation service held at the Parent-Sorensen Mortuary in Petaluma.

Carole Fury, served a two-year term as our Treasurer, from 2009 through 2011. Her memorial service is set for Saturday, September 19, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church, in Petaluma at 11:00 am.

For the benefit of new guild members, below are two vignettes, as remembrances by someone who knew them more than as a quilter.

Maria “Lou” Shepherd was truly an enthusiastic sewer and quilter. How do I know? As old time Petaluma residents, both Lou and her husband Shep knew a bachelor who lived just two doors down the street. So, it was only natural later on in the Fall of 1986, for Lou to visit us, the newlyweds, who just got married in St. John’s Church on the corner of 5th and C. After all, that news traveled fast in the neighborhood, fueled by the insider info. Shep was the Church gardener. Moreover, despite our maturity, his bride moved in from San Francisco. Naturally, Lou was curious who that woman might be. When Lou knocked on our door and I saw her smile, it was love at first sight. Moreover, when she spotted a Bernina on our dining table, our friendship began right then and there. Both Lou and her husband Shep had those sunny cordial dispositions, hard to resist. They adopted both my husband Art and me, as their grown up children. Later, as we shared life, I learned about Lou’s big heartache. They lost their daughter. Too young. Yes, they had a son. However, there remained that longing in Lou’s heart. I understood. I could pop-in for a chat with Lou, get sewing advice, and borrow a book, pattern, or a quilting magazine. Any time.

Lou was very active in many clubs and organizations. She was among those first quilting women in Petaluma who said, “Let’s roll our sleeves up and start a quilt guild of our own in this town!” I recall when Lou told me about the first meeting held in the hallway of a bank nearby. I wish I could remember all guild activities and sewing circles she was part of. What I do recall most vividly and treasure most, was Lou’s beautiful, generous spirit.

Both, Shep and Lou were collectors, bargain hunting all the time, for sure. Among Lou’s valued possessions was a crazy quilt made in the late 1800’s. Imagine a scene that dates back to my hectic working and commute days to San Francisco in the mid-1990’s. One of my collateral duties as a Federal Women’s Program Manager, included designing celebrations, making award presentations, and speaking on the occasion of the Women’s History Month. What could be a better way, I thought, than to talk about women’s work, before their work was even recognized? And so, with Lou we hatched the plan, right here in Petaluma. Lou loaned me her precious crazy quilt. Carefully transported on the bus, the quilt was hung on a clothesline, behind the podium. As part of the main program, following Lou’s sage instructions, I spoke about quilting, history of quilts, and read quilting stories. Including a passage about one woman’s sorrow healed while making a quilt...The audience of federal employees included executives and other men who took time from their daily grind to attend. Several came afterwards, and noted that was the first time they saw “a real old quilt” and heard something so moving about the women’s work.

All women and quilters, including those whose names are long forgotten, anonymous to next generations, left us both the tangible and intangible heritage we continue to build upon today. It is the legacy of fundraising, community building and creative inspirations. Let us not forget them.

Thanks again, Lou, for being in our lives. Your creative and beautiful spirit lives on!

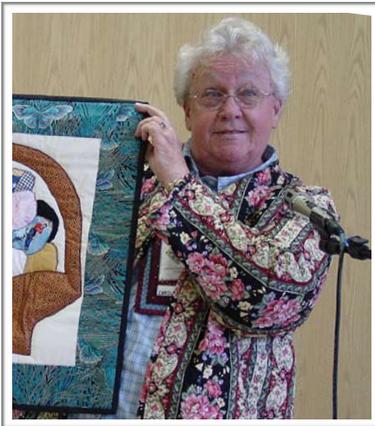
Eva C.

Note: Spring Again! is a small work, donated to the Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) to be auctioned off on line, beginning on September 18, 2015. The caption underneath the photo of this garden inspired sunrise sums it up plainly:

“This work is dedicated to the memory of Maria “Lou” Shepherd of Petaluma; her beautiful spirit lives on...”

Carole Fury

A person gone from our midst. A Christian that walked her faith; an extra mile...



Carole and I began to know each other in July 2009, when she volunteered to become our Treasurer, and I agreed to serve as President. We both knew there were unknown challenges ahead of us, and began to sort out not only our respective tasks, but also what were our hopes to accomplish for the guild. We had the common language of bookkeepers. We understood what the words assets and liabilities meant. Later on, Carole and I began to flesh out in more details terms of other resources, prudence, diligence, respect, goodwill and reconciliation. And the more we walked side by side, I appreciated Carole’s unique gifts. Carole looked squarely at the numbers without wincing, asked the tough questions of what’s and whys, and what else may be needed for the next accounting cycle.

Carole took her tasks seriously. We met frequently face-to-face, and got to know each other as friends would. Carole prepared well for each monthly Board meeting, trying to resolve whatever it was, or remained to be dealt with.

We discovered, and re-discovered again our common ground of Christian faith and values we professed to believe in and to uphold. We laid the practical foundations upon which to build mutual trust. At the very start, we outlined what would be our personal, agreed upon way of working together. One of the first agreements we had made after our signatures were placed on the bank signatory cards, was that neither of us would use PQG credit/debit cards. As much as it was possible, Carole would pay the guild bills by checks, the old-fashioned way. By doing it that way, I would not inadvertently trip up, or interfere with what Carol needed to do. Carol maintained clear paper trail. We supported each other, and held each other accountable. I agreed to inform Carole about whatever would come up that might bear on the tasks of others. We kept discovering how inter-related our tasks truly were and how dependent we were on each other’s honesty to carry out the details.

Carole designed her reimbursement forms, and everyone, myself included, had to present this form to Carole, with all receipts attached, before Carole would write a check.

Carole was true to her natural talents and make-up as a diligent, prudent, and hard worker, who also was detail oriented. And yes, she had the courage to say no, when something was not clear, or not in accordance with the guild by-laws, guidelines, or was over the approved guild budget. I will never forget her determination to carry on, when she was not well, even soon after her surgery in 2010. That was Carole. There was more than duty behind what she did. God knows, and her beloved husband Joe knows.

And, yes, she also loved to quilt and sew as well! After our formal officer duties ended, Carole joined a quilting mini group to hone her skills. I remember the last time I visited Carole and Joe in their apartment. Carol scooted over to her sewing corner, and pulled out a bag she had just finished. It was beautiful, and I expressed delight in her accomplishments. Seeing Carole's beaming face at that moment, that was something I will not forget. Ever.

To reconcile that moment of her joy and respect I hold for Carole in my heart, with the sadness that she is no longer among us is not easy. What remains is to cross that invisible bridge over the silence left behind, into what is yet to be...

We will miss you, and will not forget you, Carole. May you rest from your labors.

In Peace, a humble sojourner,

Eva C.

Don't Forget

\$40 Membership Dues
Opportunity Quilt Tickets and Money
Quilt Boutique Donations
Friendship Appliqué Blocks
Block of the Month
Friendship Blocks
Military Blocks
COTS Quilts
Library Books
Money for Monthly Mini

Quilt Shows

Great Petaluma Quilt Show
Petaluma Community Center
Saturday, October 24, 2015, 10am -4pm
Admission \$5

Altered Points of View and other quilts
Quilted Fiber Arts Exhibit
by the Pointless Sisters
Sprint Copy Center, Sebastopol
175 N. Main St.
Sept.2 -Oct.26, 2015, Mon.-Fri.,
8:30am-6pm

****A quilt by Kitty T., entitled Cape Cod Beach, was chosen for the poster for this event! Watch for it!****

Committee Chairs

Block of the Month:

Brenda B.

Castoff:

Susan H.
JoAnne W.

Fat Quarter Frenzy:

Tanya C.

Friendship Applique:

Shannon S.

Friendship Pieced:

Marilyn G.
Fran Z.

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Pati M.

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Cyndee M.

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Melissa H.

Monthly Mini:

Metha S.

Committee Chairs

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