



Sew Much News

January Program

Happy New Year Everyone!

At January's meeting you will be treated to presentations by our own guild members. Each will show and tell about three quilts they have made over the years and speak for five minutes each. It should be a lot of fun. You just might be inspired by a quilt design you hadn't seen before. I'll see you there.

Sue D.

Presidents' Letter

Happy New Year!

Wow, where has the year gone? I recently heard an analogy of how time goes by as we age. It was said that while you are in your 20's life goes by at 20 MPH; in your 30's, 30 MPH; at 40 years, it's 40 MPH; in your 50's, it's 50 MPH and so on and so on. Our concept of time changes as we age. I also was talking to a fellow quilter who took it upon herself to not purchase any new fabric for a period of time and challenge herself to use some of her stash. I think most of us have a small quilt store in our homes. I'm going to try and challenge myself to use up some of my stash. I know that I have some fabric that I purchased just because and no plans for it so I will make a few pillow cases for COTS, a quick and easy way to bust some stash. I again will tackle my UFO's and put them high on my to do list and finish them. As you finish projects make sure you bring them to the meetings for show and tell and, who knows, you may just inspire someone to finish one of their projects. Don't let life speed by you. Take time each day to smell the roses and just enjoy the moment.



Happy New Year!
Jayne and Garnet



General Meeting

January 3, 2017
Petaluma Community
Center, 320 N. McDowell
Blvd., Petaluma

Board Meeting

January 30, 2017
St. John's Episcopal
Church, 40 Fifth St.,
Petaluma, 6:30 pm

Don't Forget!

Ditty Bags to turn in
Fat Quarter Frenzy -
Blue
Block of the Month
Friendship Blocks
Military Blocks
COTS Quilts
Library Books
\$ for Monthly Mini
Show and Tell
Nametag

Minutes of the November 1, 2016 PQG General Meeting

Call to Order: Co-President Jayne M. called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes

M/s/c Garnet W. /Pati M. /All to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016 general meeting as printed in the newsletter.

Next Board Meeting – Monday, November 28, 2016 @ St. John's Episcopal Church, in the church library.

New Members and Guests -

There were neither new members nor guests to report.

Treasurer's Report - Ruth M. reported the balance in the PQG treasury and noted that Walker Creek had been paid. Voting on the proposed budget was deferred due to lack of a quorum.

Business – Jayne M. reported that the cost to rent a half-room in the Community Center for meetings would be approximately \$100/meeting less than the \$189/meeting the guild will have to pay effective January 1, 2017 for the whole room. The preferred side would be the one with the kitchen. The whole room could be rented for special events as needed. This is one way to address budget concerns over the continuously increasing rate for Community Center space

which members were asked to consider prior to the budget vote now scheduled for December.

Committee Reports

Block of the Month – Melissa R. showed a Flying Geese block. Participants should see her for additional information.

Fat Quarter Frenzy – Sue D., winner of the November Fat Quarter Frenzy, selected winter colors for the December meeting.

Friendship Appliqué – Barbara C. reported that no new patterns have been submitted and asked members to consider submitting some.

Friendship Pieced – Shannon W. has six blocks available and one new one from Brenda B.

Half Square Triangle Block – Melissa R. showed an hour-glass block for which she will email instructions to participants.

Hospitality – Jayne M. asked for two volunteers to fill the Hospitality opening.

Library – Kitty T. has volunteered; thank you! Kitty reported that the guild has a very nice collection of books. Cards to check them out/in are located in the small wooden box. A red binder catalogues all guild owned books by the guild by type of quilting. Check it out.

Military Quilts – Jayne M.

reported that for now, all fabric will be provided for military quilts due to a recent donation.

Opportunity Quilts – Kitty T. reported that the long-arm quilter has nearly completed her work with the black and white quilt; binding and final appliqué are still needed. This quilt will be unveiled to members in December and raffle tickets will be available beginning in January. The single Irish chain quilt is in progress. **Parliamentarian** – This position is still open.

Quilts for Cots – Ellie O. reported that 12 children's quilts and 12 children's pillow cases were delivered last week. More packets are available.

Tri-Guild Luncheon 2017 – Metha S. described preparation and luncheon activities for members who have not attended a Tri-Guild Luncheon before. The committee is asking for volunteers to act as table hostesses; Barbara C. will coordinate them. Meg M. is working on table centerpieces. Many hands are needed to host a successful event for 150 guests so please contact Metha about what you can do to help. This event is the largest guild fund-raiser planned for 2017. (Continued on p. 4)

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Webmaster - Shannon W. reminded everyone that she always appreciates photos to enhance the newsletter and that monthly submittals are always due by the 15th of the month.

Program – Tonight's program focused on making items for the 2017 Tri-Guild Luncheon. Jayne M. demonstrated the construction of 'ditty bags' which will be given as gifts to each attendee and members worked on them during the meeting. Sue D. discussed plans for the December holiday meeting as follows:

- Dinner will be a pot luck event; Sue will provide more information in the next newsletter.

- A silent auction of items donated by guild members will be held to raise funds.



- Members who would like to exchange gifts should bring a wrapped item [not more than \$10] to place on or under the tree. Those who bring a gift may also take a gift.
- For a game called Quilters' Strip Poker, members are asked to

bring a dozen fabric strips measuring 2 ½ inches by the width of the fabric to ante with.

See you there.

Drawings for Prizes:

Door & Name Tag, Brenda B; Monthly Mini, Libby P.; Block of the Month, Kathy S. and Fat Quarter Frenzy, Sue D.

Other – Jayne M. requested more metal tape measures to help complete the ditty bags.

Show & Tell – Members brought Halloween quilts, baby and wedding quilts, a relative's quilt top finally completed, and last but certainly not least, a colorful quilt of spring pansies.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted late due to illness,
Kathy B., PQG Secretary

TGL Update for January

We had a remarkable number of 'ditty bags' turned in at the December meeting, and at the work session we completed 103 bags!!!! We still need a few more, so please bring yours to the January meeting.

There has been a good response from members in signing up for committee slots. We need four more people to be table hostesses. You are responsible for bringing tableware to serve 8, a couple of pitchers for drinks and homemade cookies for dessert. Plates and cups will be provided.

TGL basket items request for January will be general quilting items, such as thread, tools, rulers, etc.

I am so grateful for the amazing cooperation from guild members.
Metha S.



Minutes of the November 28, 2016 PQG Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Jayne M., Garnet W., Gloria K., Ruth M., Sue D. and Kathy B.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Members Metha S. and Ellie O.

Call to Order: Garnet called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion/second/call – Jayne/Ruth/All to approve minutes of the October 23, 2016 Board Meeting as read in the newsletter

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Ruth gave the Treasurer's Report. At present, projected budget expenses exceed revenues from membership dues. The budget is based on:

- Eighty paid memberships - current membership at 72 with 5 new more pending. If membership remains the same, a membership drive and/or more fundraising need to be considered. Our annual dues are in-line with other similar organizations but we have a smaller group.
- Revenues from the quilt show have been thinned to cover the three year period between shows as voted by the membership.
- Meeting room rental expense is higher each year, considerably. Jayne discussed options with members at the November general meeting. The present, centrally located Community Center is ideal in many ways but the guild might reduce its space requirements for routine general meetings to save money and retain the larger space for specific events. Other venues, while costing less, do not deliver in areas such as location, well lighted

parking, set up and tear down before/after each meeting or kitchen amenities.

- The guild has fixed expenses. Without further adjustments to balance the budget and eliminate the deficit, the program category will likely be affected most.

Due to lack of a quorum for voting in November, Ruth will email the proposed budget to members prior to the December general meeting with a planned vote at the meeting to bring the budgeting process to conclusion.

Membership Report: Gloria reported current membership at 72 with 5 new memberships pending.

Programs Report/Workshops: Sue needs volunteers for January's program. Persons are needed [for a five minute presentation each] to share three of their own quilts and tell the quilts' stories. Information about December's auction and potluck are highlighted in the December newsletter.

Treasurer's Audit: No report.

Business: Jayne reported that Laura L. has volunteered to chair Hospitality. Thank you Laura! There will be no Board meeting in December. Metha S. reported that miscellaneous items are still needed for basket completion for the Tri-Guild Luncheon.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 30 at 6:30 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church in the library. All are welcome.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy B., PQG Secretary



Walker Creek Retreat Dates: February 17,18,19

It is time again to get away and do some sewing....Here is the main information. Our retreat will take place on Feb. 17, 18 and 19 at Walker Creek Ranch, 14 miles out of Petaluma. We sew in a large well lit room on many long tables and we stay overnight in semi private rooms. That means there are 2 - 3 twin beds to a room, in a building that can accommodate 19 overnight. They cook all our food, and do the dishes too!

We start our weekend at 2 PM setting up, with Dinner at 6 on Friday. We have 3 meals on Saturday; Breakfast is at 8 AM, Lunch at 12, and Dinner at 6. On Sunday, we have Breakfast at 8, Lunch at 12 and leave at 3 PM. You are welcome to stay the whole weekend or you can just pick a certain time to come.

When we are not eating, we are busy at our machines creating some wonderful quilts, or other creative pieces. We love to sew, talk, learn, and sew some more! If any of this sounds interesting to you, the cost is the following:

Full time: \$249

Breakfast: \$12

Lunch: \$14

Dinner: \$18

Lodging: \$82 per night

Day Use: \$17 (You must pay this if you are NOT spending the night)

Upon signing up, a deposit of \$50 for full time goers is needed and for part time, 50% of cost is requested. If you are interested in going, please email me.

Debby L.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

The finished Black & White Opportunity Quilt had its debut at the December guild meeting. Thank you to those who submitted suggestions for a name. We decided that "Midnight Garden" seemed to fit.

The raffle tickets will be available at the January meeting. Please pick yours up from Sara when you arrive. The Opportunity Quilt is our major fundraiser for the year, so please consider selling them wherever you go, and/or volunteering to bring the quilt to various venues coming up.

This is what makes it possible for us to enjoy the benefits of having a guild.

It was a group effort to make this quilt. Ruth came up with the design which the membership approved of. Many members made the black & white nine-patches. Kitty, Metha, and Barbara C. assembled the blocks, sashing, border, and applique. Kerstin S. did the long-arm quilting. Sherri G. finished off with binding and display sleeve. Shannon is photographing, and Sara Z. is in charge of ticket sales. Now we are ready to sell, sell, sell those raffle tickets !! The drawing will be at the October 3, 2017 guild meeting. Kitty T.



Minutes of the December 6, 2016 PQG General Meeting

Call to Order: Co-President Garnet W. called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes – Approval of the November 1, 2016 general meeting minutes were deferred to December due to the Secretary's illness.

Board Meeting – Monday, January 30, 2017 @ St. John's Episcopal Church in the church library.

New Members and Guests - There were neither new members nor guests to report.

Treasurer's Report – Ruth M. reported the balance in the PQG treasury. She clarified budget line items and discussed meeting room options to reduce expenses. There were questions:

- Could the guild rent $\frac{3}{4}$ rather than $\frac{1}{2}$ the room?
- Should meetings/year be reduced to ten or eleven?
- How might membership be

increased instead?

M/s/c Debby L. / Amanda K. / Pass to approve the proposed budget and put the room rental decision on hold.

Members agreed to try the half-room arrangement in the month of January.

Business – See above regarding Community Center room rental discussion.

The 2017 Opportunity Quilt, a black and white beauty with appliquéd flowers and stems, was unveiled. The guild will begin selling raffle tickets in January. Kitty T. noted that the quilt is yet to be named; members were given the opportunity to submit suggestions during the meeting.

Committee Reports

Block of the Month-

Melissa R. again showed the Flying Geese blocks for those who were not at the November meeting. Petaluma's waterfront provided inspiration for the colors selected.

COTS – Ellie O. reported that thirteen quilts had recently been delivered to the Voices Project. Adult quilt tops, 48" x 78", are currently needed for the homeless shelter. Keeping watch as the numbers grow, Ellie shared that COTS has distributed over 3,200 quilts since 1993.

Fat Quarter Frenzy – Nancy L., December's FQF winner, selected blue for January's colors.

Friendship Appliqué - Barbara C. thanked participants for the chicken blocks which she made into a gift.

Friendship Pieced – Blocks are available.

Half Square Triangle

Blocks – Melissa R. showed two blocks and noted that she will miss the January meeting.

Library – Kitty T. reminded us to take advantage of the guild's great book collection.

Military – Jayne M. showed Bear Paw and Broken Wheel blocks.

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Minutes continued from
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Monthly Mini –

December's monthly
mini was provided by
Brenda B.

Newsletter – The 15th of
each month is the
deadline for all
submittals.

Tri-Guild Luncheon 2017

– Metha S. asked
members for fifty more
ditty bags to ensure one
at each place setting.
She also presented
Marilyn G. with a bag
for naming the
luncheon. Meg M. has
table centerpieces in
process, but needs help
sewing on the bindings.

Pot Luck, Auction, Gift Exchange and a Game to Remember

Program Chair Sue D. pulled out
the stops to coordinate the
evening's main event. As
Garnet W. so aptly put it, "Let's

eat!" heralded the kick-off of a
quilters' holiday celebration. A
silent auction of items themed
around quilting provided
interest and raised funds for the
guild too. The gift exchange
gave many of us something to
use for future quilting projects.
Jayne M. distributed sewing
machine dusters she had made
for everyone. And of course
there was the card game;
Quilters' Strip Poker garnered
laughs as players either learned
a little about actually playing
poker or swept the table clean
with their strips of fabric
winnings.

Announcements – Jayne M.
announced that Gloria K. has
volunteered to act as
Parliamentarian. Thank you,
Gloria! Sue D. asked for more
volunteers to share their quilts
and quilt stories at the January
meeting. Please contact Sue.

Drawings for Prizes: Door/
Name Tag, Metha S.; Monthly
Mini, JoAnne W.; Block of the
Month, waiting for more

participants and it will be drawn
at a future meeting ; Fat
Quarter Frenzy, Nancy L.;
Hospitality, Brenda B.; Orange
Ticket, Francesca H.

Show & Tell – Members were
treated to a variety of quilts:

- Two by Jayne M., both
the result of converting
her winnings from Block
of the Month last May.
They will be donated to
COTS;
- A motorcycle themed
quilt by Melissa R.;
- A seascape as viewed
through a window by
Helga B., using an online
tutorial;
- An example of a COTS
quilt made by Amanda
K.; and
- An abstract challenge
made by Becky L.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy B., PQG Secretary

SUNSHINE CHAIR NOTE

Hello...YA ALL!

I am the Sunshine Chair who sends Sunshine to our members. It is a **WHOLE GUILD JOB**. My **job** is to send cards to members if they need a pick me up, a note to bring a little smile, a card of encouragement, a Get Well card or a sympathy card. Maybe someone got a new job, they are moving, or having surgery because they sewed their finger to the binding. Or, like I said, they have a loss in the family.

YOUR JOB is to let us know who might need one of these cards....We DO NOT need to know the details, if it is personal...just let us know which member and what kind of card. You can email me personally or send it to the Guild email address.

Thank you,
Debby L.



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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.

QUILTS FOR COTS

Our busy year ended with the delivery of 13 quilts to the Voices Project (young people who age out of Foster Care). We were also able to deliver quilts to all those who signed up on the request list. We are in need of quilt tops approximately 48 X 78, the size for adults(many are veterans). Quilts tops for the Voices Project should measure 48 X 66. We have several children's quilts ready to go when needed. The current number of quilts donated is 3213. Thank you for making this project such a success.

Happy New Year!
Ellie O. - coordinator

Committee Chairs

Block of the Month:

Melissa R., Helga Marie B.

Castoff:

Susan H., JoAnne W., Sally A.

Fat Quarter Frenzy:

Carolyn J.

Friendship Applique:

Barbara C.

Friendship Pieced:

Shannon W.S.

Half Square Triangle Block:

Melissa R.

Hospitality:

Laura L.

Library:

Kitty T.

Military Quilts:

Jayne M., Pati M.

Monthly Mini:

Brenda B.

Committee Chairs

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Marilyn F.

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Laura L.

Opportunity Quilt:

Open

Quilts for Cots:

Ellie O.

Retreats:

Debby L.

Show & Tell:

Becky L.

Sunshine:

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Thank You, Affiliates!

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