



Sew Much News

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Join us for our October Meeting - Fall Show-and-Tell and Costume Zoom Party!

Do you know what's great about a costume party on Zoom? You only have to get creative from the shoulders up!

Put on your party hat, light your jack-o-lantern, and let's have some fun chatting with our quilting friends.

Two Show and Tells!

Show and Tell #1 - We want to see your Halloween and Fall quilts from years past, or new for this year!

Show and Tell #2 - Freshly finished quilts, what projects have you completed, UFOs revisited?

Send photos to Shannon to be included in the slideshow. Photos needed by Sunday October 4.

Our November Meeting will be Sewing Room Tours, you won't want to miss this virtual trip through several PQG members sewing rooms!

Shannon & Metha
Program Chairs



General Meeting

Oct 6, 2020,

7:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Board Meeting

Sept 30, 2020

6:30 p.m.

via Zoom.

How to Zoom -

See pp. 7-8

Don't Forget

Block of the Month:

Armstrong Tree

See pp. 9-10

DUES ARE DUE

\$20

Please send a check
to Elisabeth

PROGRAM NOTES

Due to COVID-19 dictating that we cannot meet as a large group, the Board has decided to suspend all speakers until 2021. A determination will be made at that time if it is safe to meet again as a group.

We are working on some fun programs that we can do via Zoom and look forward to seeing you at our monthly Zoom meetings.

NEED HELP CONNECTING?

If you need help getting set up with Zoom, please don't hesitate to reach out to the board for help. Zoom can be accessed on any type of computer, or smartphone. You do not have to create an account on Zoom and you can use your phone without WiFi if you do not have access. You can also "dial in" on a phone and participate in the meeting, no computer needed! See pp. 7-8 for instructions on using Zoom.

SHOW AND TELL

If you have a large quilt to share, it can be difficult to hold it up in front of the camera on Zoom. Send a photo to our guild email before the meeting, and we'll share it during the Zoom meeting.

IDEAS?

Do you have an idea for a group activity? A technique to share? A challenge idea? We are looking for ways for our members to connect and share our love of quilting during this time of sheltering in place. Send ideas to Shannon



AUGUST 2, 2020 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Sue D at 6:32pm. Sue & Marilyn F, Co-Presidents, Amanda, Secretary, Shannon and Metha, V.P. Programs, Jean, Newsletter, Elisabeth, Treasurer, Denise, new President, Ellie, COTS Liaison, Jayne, Military Quilts and Kathy B were present via Zoom. Absent: Laura L, Membership.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the last Board Meeting were unanimously approved as printed in the latest newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Elisabeth reported there has been no activity. Asking for dues to be sent to her directly. She is wondering if she should change the budget to reflect the change in expenses due to our new normal of no in person meetings (no rent/speaker fees). The board left it to her discretion.

Newsletter Report: Jean will do Oct and Nov issues. Marilyn will contact the other people on the rotation and get a schedule set up. She will also send out an e-blast to let member's know where to send info each month. Jean

and Marilyn will work on the directions for how to create the newsletter.

Program's Report: Shannon is working on new contracts. The upcoming September meeting will feature new members telling about themselves and showing their work. We will also be drawing for the Block of the Month as well as regular Show and Tell. Traditionally, we would celebrate the Guild's birthday with cake and have a ceremony where the board members would pass on their chatelaines to the next officer. Oct mtg will be tours of 2 sewing rooms: Ellie and Debbie Deal.

Block of the Month: Denise has sent out the Maple Leaf block. She already has an idea for the next one.

COTS: Ellie reported that people are still sewing at home. They now have woven labels to add to the finished quilts.

Business:

Global Quilt Connection: Marilyn is investigating the virtual meet the teacher. People have the option of

watching the presentations live and asking questions or watching it afterwards and seeing the presentations on Youtube. This led to a discussion about whether the Guild should spend money on speakers when so many of our members are not able to join in on the Zoom meetings. Marilyn is going to send out an email asking members to let us know why the Zoom meetings are inaccessible. Several reasons were already identified and there were directions and tips printed in the last newsletter.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 30, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda C, PQG Secretary



General Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2020

Called to order at 7:12 pm.

Denise welcomed everyone to the meeting on Zoom. We had around 26 members during the call. Denise let us know that she welcomes feedback as she is new to the Guild. She will be sending out a survey or calling members to see how we can help more people join us for our monthly meeting. She is also going to digitize the President's binder, so we have it in physical and digital form, as well.

Treasurer's Report: Elisabeth gave an update on our current balance. Dues can be sent directly to Elisabeth. We don't use Square due to the fee they charge. We could set up a direct deposit link with Wells Fargo. Marilyn will send out an e-blast reminding members of the new lower dues.

Board Meeting: will be held on September 30, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. All members are welcome.

Program Report: Next meeting will be two sewing room tours. This month we will hear from 3 new members; Gale, Jane H and Denise. So fun to learn a little bit about their sewing journey!

Announcements

Quilt Retreat –Future date is March 12, 13 & 14, 2021 at Walker Creek Ranch.

Tri-Guild Luncheon: This has been postponed until March 27, 2021.

Opportunity Quilt: Drawing postponed until October 2021

Business:

COTS: Ellie reported that the Mary Isaak Center is reopened being Covid free. She was so thrilled to deliver quilts there again.

Military: Jayne has continued to sew, sew, sew, and has 20 more quilts done. She will put up military block patterns up so members can sew at home and use their own fabric.

Newsletter: Jean will continue to do the newsletter for 2 more months.

Block of the Month: we had a lot of participation. Members held up their blocks and Amanda wrote their names on slips of paper and drew the winner – Marilyn F.

If you make a block but are not participating via Zoom, you can send in a photo to Shannon and

you will be included in the drawing for next month – Tree Block

Show & Tell: members are encouraged to send photos to Shannon of their show and tell prior to the meeting since sometimes it is hard to see a big project on Zoom. Several participants shared either by photo or live.

Positions Open: we will need a new Mother Hen when we resume in person meetings. Elisabeth has volunteered to step into the Monthly Mini if no one else takes the position.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda C,
PQG Secretary





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Beautiful People!

I am writing my first President's message with great anticipation and joy. Quilting is what I do, what I love, and that sentiment extends out to my task as president and to all the members. I am very excited to hear your ideas and feedback. One of the joys of being part of a smaller guild is that everyone can be heard. So, please, what do you see for this year?

There is no secret that our lives have changed since last March. I certainly find that I do not always greet change well at my age, but I also find that it's a good time to be innovative. One thing about quilters is we have a patchwork way of coping through our craft. We take scraps and create a masterpiece from them. When we feel helpless, we sew. We felt helpless as a community against the size of the pandemic, so we make masks. We feel helpless about the fires so we donate quilts to those who have lost their home. We just do. We belong to a unique group of people who use their creativity for healing. We heal ourselves by activating our creative juices and we heal others by giving. Every quilt I make is an expression of love for the person I make one for. We can never take that for granted.

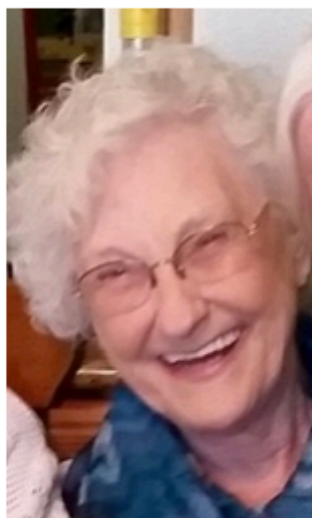
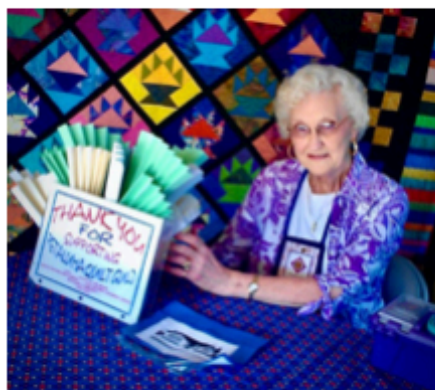
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for new posts or continued your current one. Thank you, Elisabeth, for volunteering to do the Monthly Mini. Thank you to Gail V for offering to be the Cast Off Table rep. We are still in need of someone to conduct the audit. Please let me know if you are willing to undertake this task. I believe it is not as intimidating as "audit" sounds. We also need a Mother Hen. "Who will help me bake the bread?" says the Little Red Hen. A BIG shout out to JoAn T. She has very limited access to our events and misses us as we miss her!

DUES are past due! Please pay your dues asap! You don't want to miss out on one of Metha's bags, do you? Dues are \$20 this year.

The next board meeting is September 30th. The board is hard at work with finding new ways to adjust to the online world and still accommodate everyone. I will begin reaching out to members this week for feedback and see how you are doing with Zoom. Perhaps I can help.

With sincerity, Denise

In Memoriam

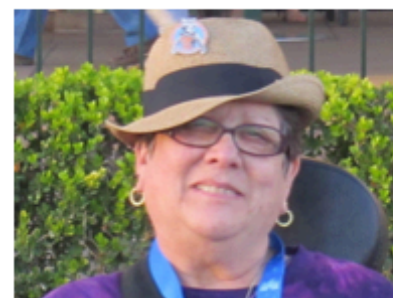


We are saddened to share that PQG has lost two of our own in the past several months, Pati Myers and Jo Abell.

Pati passed away unexpectedly in July. She served the guild as Fat Quarter Frenzy Chair and was a frequent winner of the monthly Mini, as well as winner of our 2018 Opportunity Quilt. Seemingly quiet at first impression, Pati possessed a keen sense of humor!

Jo had been in declining health and passed away in August. Jo served the guild as Friendship Chair, volunteered at our quilt show and will be remembered for her happy smile and southern style manners.

These ladies will be missed! We sincerely offer our condolences to Pati's sister-in-law, Jayne Myers, as well as to Jo's daughter-in-law, Sharon Johnson, both PQG members.



Using Zoom for Meetings

Anyone remember the children's programming out of Boston on public television back in the 70's? It was called Zoom and it's theme song went something like this:

♪ Zoom, Zoom, Zoom-A-Zoom! Come on and Zoom-A-Zoom-A-Zoom-A-Zoom! Come on give it a try! We're gonna show you just why! We're gonna teach you to fly! High! Come on and Zoom! Come on and Zoom-Zoom! Come on and Zoom! Come on and Zoom-Zoom! ♪♪

Well, with no end to the pandemic in sight and the date of returning to regular in-person meetings a big question mark, this could be PQG's theme song too! The Zoom platform offers us a way to meet, conduct business and enjoy each other's company and quilts, all while social distancing. Each of our two previous meetings via Zoom have had about 25 participants, and we would love to have more members join us! If you

haven't joined us, why not? The paragraphs below attempt to address some concerns that some of us may have.

I don't know anything about it. First off you need to download the Zoom application to your desktop computer or mobile device. Choose the "free" option. We will send you an email the day prior to the meeting, which will include a link to our meeting. Join the meeting on the day and time specified. Activate your video and audio. If you choose the "active speaker" option, whoever is speaking will automatically show up on the main screen, while participants will appear in smaller screens. You can participate by raising your hand to speak or using the chat function. Otherwise, just sit back and enjoy!

How do I join a meeting? The easiest way is to click on the link provided in the email we send and you will automatically be sent to our meeting. If you open

the Zoom application first and chose "join a meeting," you will be asked for a Zoom ID number and a password. These are also provided in our emails, but the simplest way to join is to open our email and click on the link provided.

I haven't had a hair cut in 5 months and I don't want anyone to see me like this! No problem! You can leave your video turned off and we will see an outline of a person and your name. You will still be able to see and hear everyone else. But seriously, we are all in the same boat and we are all friends here! If you are concerned about how you look on camera, Zoom does offer a hack for that. Under *Settings > Video*, click on "Touch up my appearance" and Zoom will soften the focus on your camera, giving a more flattering image. Also try to position yourself directly opposite the

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camera by adjusting the height of your seat or propping up your device. This helps prevent the up-the-nostrils view. Good lighting helps too. Try to have an overhead light source from in front of you, not behind, and pros often use a second light source from the side as well.

I'm afraid my husband will walk by in his underwear and besides that, my house is a mess! Zoom can help you! Well, they won't clean up your house, and your husband is *your* problem, but they offer a virtual background option where your image will appear in front of a stock photo that you chose, or you can even upload one of your own photos! However, this is not a good option if you plan to hold up a show and tell piece. It will tend to disappear in interference with the image. In that case it would be better to photograph your quilt ahead of time, and then share the photo at the meeting. If you *are* going to hold up a show and tell item in front of your camera, remember to

keep talking so your image will remain in the active speaker position. Tell us why you made it, what pattern you used or if you designed it yourself, what fabrics or techniques you used, etc., etc. We ask participants to keep quiet at this time, so as not to commandeer the screen.

I planned to attend, but I forgot the day in this %!

@#&\$ pandemic! Yeah, we get it! Set a reminder on your smart phone or make plans to watch and attend with a friend and hopefully one of the two of you will remember! Zoom itself will send you a reminder if you set it up ahead of time.

I just don't think I will like it. It won't be the same! Well, you are right, it is not the same, but it is the best option we have right now to maintain some sort of guild community and I'd like share my experience with SSU with you. In the past, I have taken classes at Sonoma State University's OLLI program (Osher Life Long Learning Institute.) After cancelling classes this spring due to the pandemic, they sent out a survey to see if folks would participate in Zoom classes. I actually replied

that I would NOT participate! I just didn't think it would be the same! But then they offered the first month's classes for free and I decided to try it, and to my surprise, it was great! I didn't have to drive there and search for parking, I could hear and see the presentation better, all while working on my quilt project, with cup of coffee at hand, and from the comfort of my recliner! I was sold! So I hope you will give our meetings a try and you may be pleasantly surprised too!

If you need help, reach out to us at:

petalumaquiltguild@yahoo.com

We will try to help you get set up ahead of time and we do monitor the website for communications during the actual meeting as well.

♪♪ So come on give it a try! Come on and Zoom! Come on and Zoom-Zoom!♪♪

By Marilyn Ferrick



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Wallbridge Fire

Use medium to dark greens (2 - 2 1/2" strips X WOF) for the tree. You can use one or more green fabrics. The background should be one daytime blue sky color, so light to medium blue.(a 5" strip WOF) Brown for the trunk.(scrap piece 2 1/2" X 4 1/2")

TIPS: If you press all seams open when piecing the goose (geese) it's easier to sew all the pieces all together. When sewing the geese pieces together you can either press the seams open or press toward the trunk.

The bottom four geese (Unit 6,7 and 8) are all the same. You can make 1-4 of those pieces to vary the height from 17" to 20 1/2" unfinished.

CUTTING:

For the blue background pieces cut:

1. 2 1/2" X 4 1/2" (2)
2. 2 1/2" X 4" (2)
3. 2 1/2" X 3 1/2" (2)
4. 2 1/2" X 3" (2)
- 5-8. 2 1/2" X 2 1/2" (8) Depending on your size choice cut 2 -8

Pieces)

For the green tree pieces cut

1. 2 1/2" X 4 1/2" (1)
2. 2 1/2" X 5 1/2" (1)
3. 2 1/2" X 6 1/2" (1)
4. 2 1/2" X 7 1/2" (1)
- 5-8. 2 1/2" X 8 1/2" (4) 1-4 pieces depending on your block size choice

Trunk 1 piece 2 1/2" X 4 1/2" Brown

Step 1 - With right sides together, align a background piece as shown on the small **Diagram A**. Mark a diagonal line as shown, and sew along the line (scant) to create a diagonal seam. **Diagram B**- Trim away excess fabric to create a 1/4" seam allowance. **Diagram C** - Press seams open.

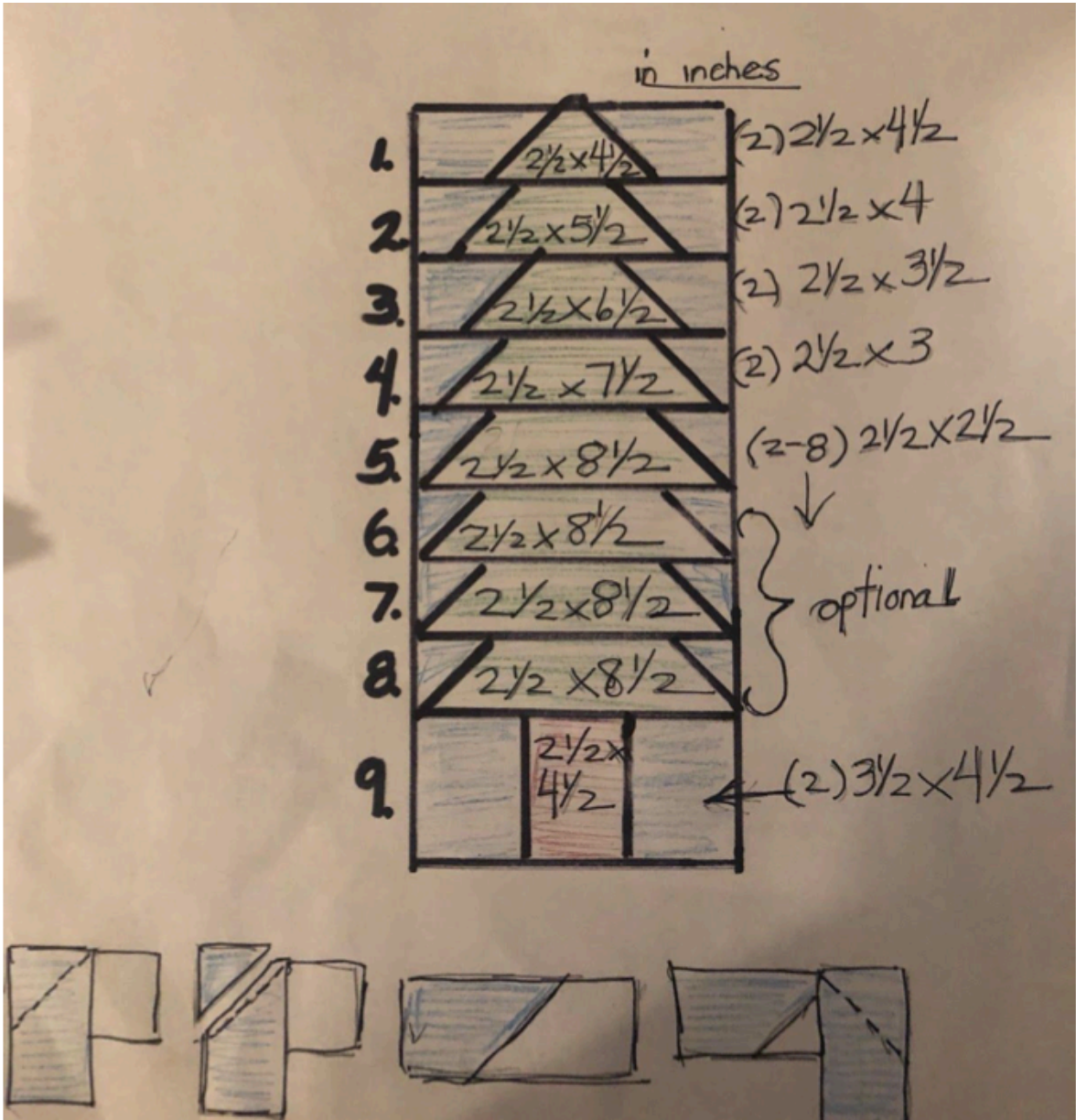
Step 2 - Use a diagonal seam to sew the second piece of background to the other side of the green strip **Diagram D**. Follow the same process as in Step 1 to make a completed 8 1/2" X 2 1/2" unit.

For the remaining tree pieces, repeat the process of flip in stitch as described in Step 1 and Step 2

Step 3 - For the trunk unit, sew the trunk and two background pieces as shown in the diagram.

Step 4 - Arrange all the tree units as shown in the diagram. And sew together. Press toward the bottom.

When marking the diagonal first mark your 2 1/2" on all sky pieces. Notice on the diagram, that the left-hand diagram has the stitch line from the top right to the bottom left corner. On the right-hand side, the seam line going from the top left to the bottom right corner. Check the direction before trimming to make sure they are going in the correct direction. Trim the excess triangle leaving a 1/4" seam allowance.



For questions call Denise Ragozzino (707)758-7932



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Not scrappy

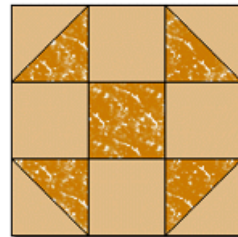
Scrappy Tree

NEW MILITARY BLOCK

****Supplies List**** →  Color 1 → Color 1 needs: one 4-1/2" x 18" strip AND one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip
→  Color 2 → Color 2 needs: one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip AND one 4-1/2" square

Please use RED, WHITE or BLUE fabrics.

This makes a 12 " block!

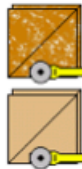


October 2020
Military Block of the Month

** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block **



First, stack the two 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strips right sides together, then cut into two 4- 7/8" squares of each...



Next, stack and cut the 4-7/8" squares on the diagonal, being careful not to stretch fabric !



Then cut the Color 1 4-1/2" x 18" strip into four 4-1/2 " squares...



Sew four Color 1 triangles to four Color 2 triangles, right sides together along the diagonals using a 1/4" seam, and being careful NOT to stretch fabrics. Press seams towards darker fabric



Lay out your units as shown at left. Sew three horizontal

I will pick up finished blocks or you can drop them off or mail them to me. Thank You Any Questions for Jayne

SHOW & TELL PAGES

Tracy B (1)



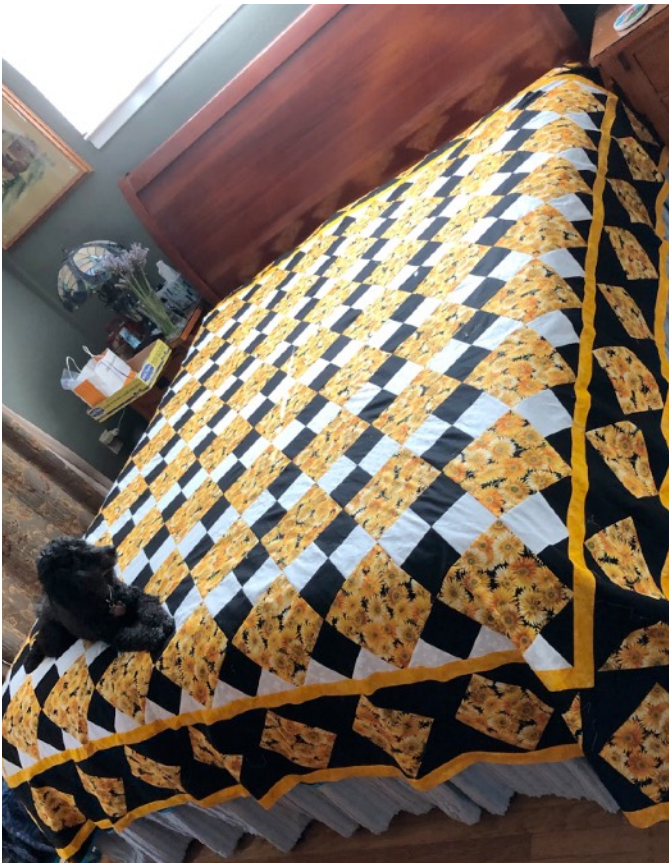
Amanda C (4)





Brenda D (8)

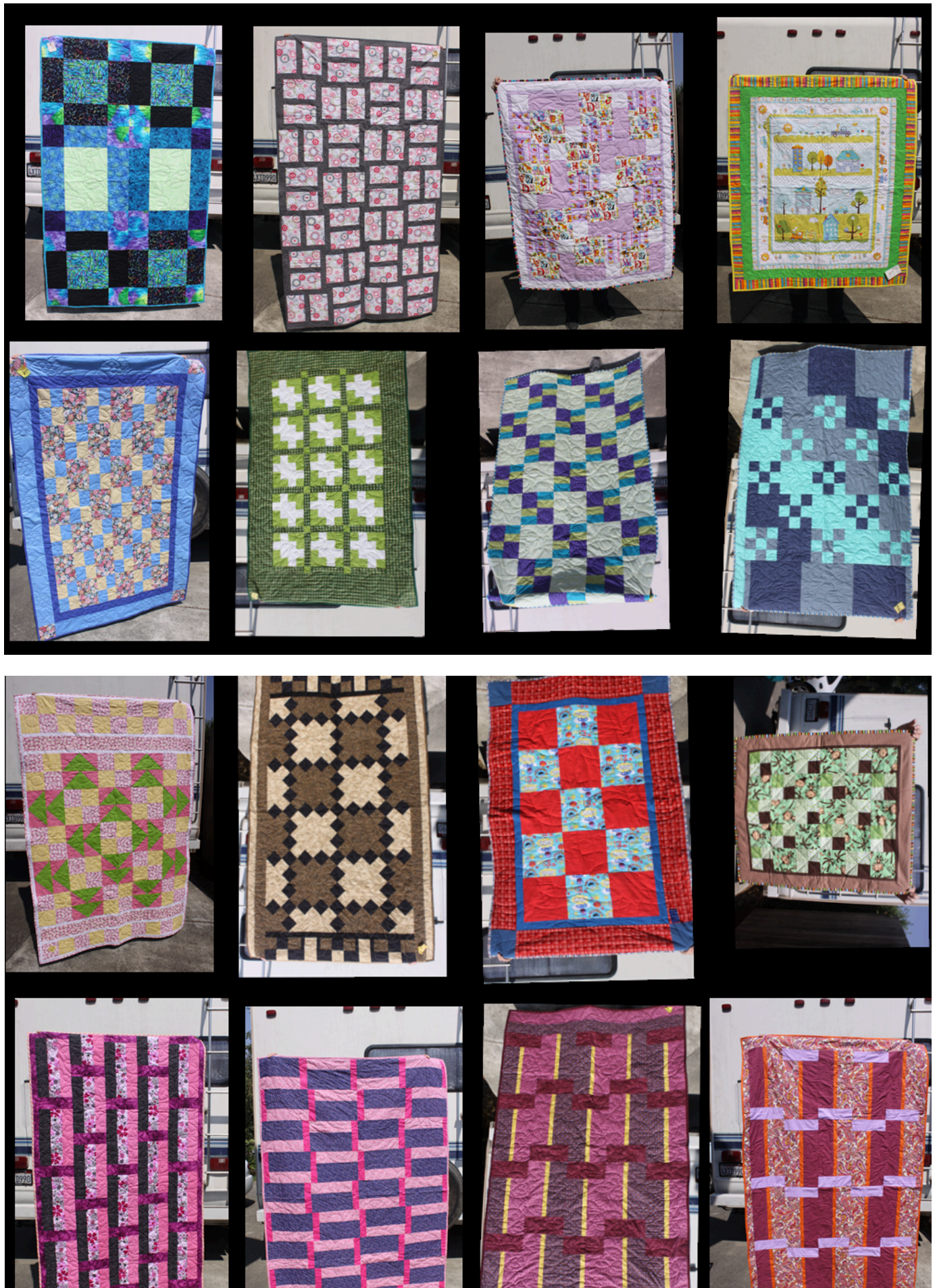




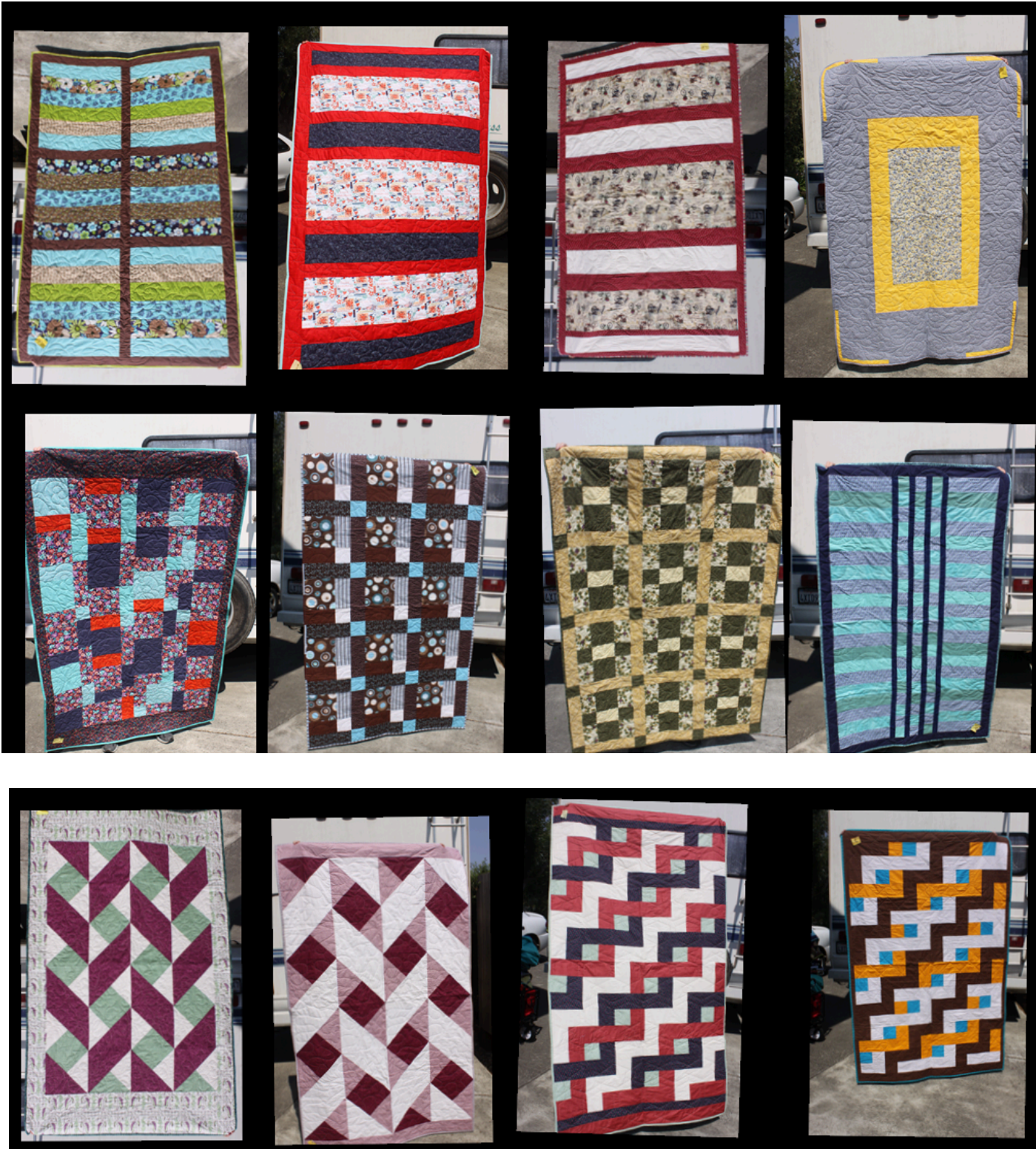



Jayne M (48)












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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.



October Birthdays

Nancy L - 10/7

Nancy D - 10/23

Marge B - 10/28

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Denise R

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Gale V

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Jayne M

Monthly Mini:

Elisabeth W

MotherHen:

Open

Opportunity Quilt:

Gale V

Help Wanted!

Some committee chair positions are open. Please consider volunteering.

Thank You!

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