



PETALUMA QUILT GUILD
DECEMBER 2020

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DECEMBER MEETING

Ring in the holiday cheer with
us on December 1!

Put on your favorite holiday sweater, make a big cup of hot cocoa and jump on to Zoom from the comfort of your favorite chair.

We are going to be playing some fun games, sharing our holiday crafts and there might even be some surprises in store. You don't want to miss it, and we don't want to miss you!

Send photos of any crafts, quilts and anything holiday for a show and tell slideshow.

General Meeting

Dec 1, 2020,
7:00 p.m.
via Zoom

Board Meeting

Nov 25, 2020
6:30 p.m.
via Zoom.

How to Zoom -

See pp. 7-8

Don't Forget

Block of the Month:
See pp. 9-10

Military Quilts
See p. 11

Please send any
outstanding dues 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 or Metha.

--Metha and Shannon
Programs



OCTOBER 28, 2020 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Denise at 6:37 pm. Denise, Marilyn F, Amanda, Secretary, Metha, V.P. Programs, Jean, Membership, were present via Zoom. Absent: Shannon, VP Programs, Elisabeth, Treasurer and Jayne, Military Quilts.

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

Treasurer's Report: Elisabeth was not present.

Membership Report: Elisabeth has not been able to give an updated list to Jean. She promises after the election.

Newsletter Report: Amanda will be taking over the newsletter for the next two months. An e-Blast will go out to remind the members.

Program's Report: Amanda gave a report about the holiday surprise for all the members. The Board approved spending up to \$7/present. Shannon will also have games for members participating by Zoom on the 1st. Denise will send out the Zoom invite a

few days before the meeting. November's meeting will feature Sewing Room Tours.

Block of the Month: Denise has a new block, Winter Beanies, available to show everyone at the next meeting. We will be drawing for the Floating Boxes blocks.

COTS: Ellie reported that they were able to donate 10 quilts & pillowcases to the Mary Isak Center.

Business:

Sewcial: Denise would like to try another Zoom Sewcial on November 21 from 10 - 12. People can log in to Zoom and setup in their sewing rooms and just hang out and sew. She will bring this up at the next meeting.

Membership Drive: Shannon will work up some new flyers for people to put out at different locations such as Quilting Angel, Meissners.

Secret Pal Cards: the Board decided to go through with asking the members if they would like to participate in sending cards to a fellow member in secret.

Quilters List: Denise would like to compile a list of long arm quilters in the area. The Board decided that members on the list will be signified by a star and affiliates will be noted, as well.

Applique Pattern: Denise bought a woodland animal applique pattern and will ask the members if anyone is interested in joining her in stitching it.

Monthly Mini: the Board decided to wait until we meet in person to restart the program.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, Nov 25, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda PQG Secretary



General Meeting Minutes - November 3, 2020

Called to order at 7:02 pm.
Denise welcomed everyone to the meeting on Zoom. We had around 24 members during the call.

Treasurer's Report: Elisabeth was unable to give a report as she was not present.

Board Meeting: Will be held on November 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. All members are welcome.

Program Report: Next meeting will be a holiday surprise for the December meeting! There will be games with prizes.

Announcements

Sewcial: the second Zoom sewcial will be held on Nov 21st from 10 – 12.

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. Gale is currently holding onto the quilt.

Business:

COTS: Ellie reported that she was able to donate 10 quilts and pillowcases to Mary Isak Center.

Dues Drawings: we were unable to have the drawing since we do not have an up to date membership list yet.

Military: Jayne will continue with the Shoofly block. She has extra fabric and is happy to pickup or deliver!

Newsletter: Amanda will be creating the newsletter for the next 2 months.

Block of the Month: We had a lot of participation. Members held up their blocks and the winner was – Jayne. Members are asked to send their blocks in the mail to the winner. **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 – Winter Beanie Block.** The new block is available via the website, newsletter or direct email.

Applique: Denise showed a woodland applique pattern that she bought and is asking if anyone would like to work on it with her.

Secret Pal Cards: if members would like to participate in the secret pal friendship card program they should email their name to Guild email. Each member will be assigned a secret pal that they can send cards to through the year. The program will start in Jan 2021.

Program: 4 members showed us their quilting studios. Ellie and Jayne sent in photos that Shannon turned into a slideshow. Brenda gave us a live tour of her sewing area. We also

had a short video of Debbie D's space in NC.

Show & Tell: Members sent in their photos to show what they've been working on through the month ******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.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda PQG Secretary



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Petaluma Quilt Guild Friends,

Today was the first day of cooler weather making the Pumpkin Spice Latte season very official. And with all the election stress behind us, you deserve one! When I think of November, I think of the hibernating critters. Goodness knows we have done almost a year of hibernation! But the changing of the seasonal weather is correlated with coming home or returning to self. A time of reflection and gratitude. It may be hard with the stressful 2020 events to stop and really think of all the things we are grateful for but it is good for the body and soul. In the scheme of things your list probably consists of the simpler things like family, health and inner peace (and fabric!) And what is more symbolic of the coming of winter than a warm homemade quilt? Wrapping up in a quilt has mental and physical healing properties. The weight of the quilt signals the brain to slow down and relax. The colors remind us of the creativity that goes into the quilt. And the warmth reminds us that we are loved.

Our guild has gotten smaller this year. I am grateful for all our members and how you have welcomed me into your circle. We all hope that those who have not been at the meetings will rejoin. Even if you don't until after COVID, please don't be a stranger. You have a quilting community that is here for you. We are people who care.

The November Block of the Month is Winter Beanies. It takes about 15 minutes to make it (not including an hour to pick out fabrics!). The Floating Boxes were so beautiful and congratulations to Jayne Meyer on winning them! Let's see how many squares we can get made for this month. If we get 24, that means we can have two winners!

This holiday in December we are celebrating the season's joy with lots of surprises!!! Please plan on coming to the December meeting and have a good time. Send photos of any holiday quilts to Shannon for Show and Tell. If you need any help with Zoom, there are several people who can help and Zoom has instructional videos as well. (Zoom.com)

See you soon! Denise



THIS 'N THAT

WALKER RANCH RETREAT UPDATE

Nothing new since last month. We will let you know as soon as we know something definite! Take care, wash hands, and BE SAFE!
Debby L.

QUILTS FOR COTS

We have continued to sew and quilt at home, and this is a recap of our efforts for the past months. We delivered 40 quilts and 60 pillowcases to fire evacuees, and an additional 10 quilts and pillowcases to the Family Emergency Center. The Mary Isaak Homeless Center received 16 quilts and pillowcases during Oct. and Nov. Thanks to everyone, especially Jayne and Liane who help refill the inventory. Thanks also to the members who have picked up pillowcase kits and fabric packets and returned oh so creative works of art!! I love our porch visits.

We NEED pillowcases for adults. Quilt tops should measure approx.--Adult (48 x 78) and Children (any size up to 42 x 54). I have NEW fabric packets ready and waiting! The total number of quilts that have been delivered since the original group formed in 1993 is **3766**. As always, thank you for supporting this project and the homeless in our community. Ellie

SEWCIAL



I'm excited to have the return of our Sewcials. In these uncertain times, it's nice to get together and just create! By the time this newsletter is seen, we will have had our second Sewcial and I hope the practice grows and grows!

Amanda



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-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 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

PQG December 2020 Block of the Month

Winter Beanies



Materials and Cutting:

Beanie: Any cotton fabric that looks like a beanie material. I used a Fair Isle fabric.

Cut a rectangle 7 ½" X 8 ½"

Beanie Band: Color coordinate with the beanie. Cut a 2 ½" x 8 ½" strip Pom-pom: You may create a pom-pom how you wish. I used a 1 ½" and a 2" circle in the photos below. I put a small, small piece of stuffing under it and blanket stitched it. See templates below.

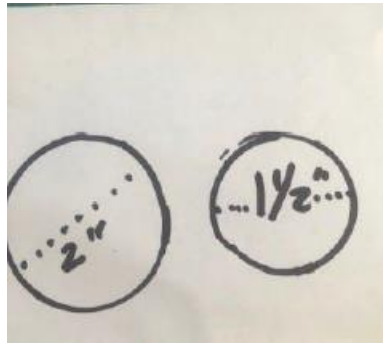
Background: Out of snowy white fabrics (I used white tone on tone with snowflakes), Cut Two 4" squares, One 2 ½" X 8 ½" strip and one 2 ½" x 11 ½" strip.

Construction:

Mark a diagonal line on your 4" squares. Sew to top corners of the beanie. The vertical sides are the 7 ½" sides. Cut the triangle off with a ¼" seam. Attach strips as shown.



It took me 15 minutes to make it from cutting to finish. So I made three!



Make a pom-pom either 1 1/2 or 2" diameter circle. If making a yoyo use a 3" circle. Pin it so that the quilter can remove it to quilt. I used a blanket stitch with a small piece of poly filling underneath. No real pom-poms please.

For questions or help, Denise

MILITARY QUILTS

Military Quilts is continuing with the Shoo Fly pattern (see below). Jayne can provide fabric, if needed. Contact her and she will make sure you get fabric to make the Shoofly block. She can also **deliver** it to you if you are unable to pick it up. Jayne will also answer any questions that you may have re this pattern or military quilts in general:

**** Supplies List ****

4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip



Color 1

Color 1 needs: one 4-1/2" x 18" strip AND one

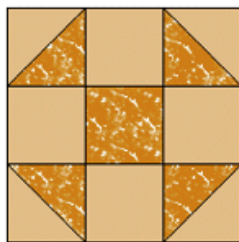


Color 2

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

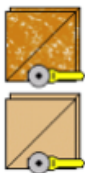
**** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block ****

SHOOFLY



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...

I will pick up finished
blocks or you can drop
them off or mail them to
me. Thank You Any
Questions for Jayne at:
myjaynewithay@gmail.co
m



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 rows, pressing the top and bottom row seams to the outside, and the middle row seam to the center. Join the rows ... and there you have it! a completed SHOOFLY block!

SHOW & TELL PAGES

Gale made 2 beautiful quilts from Ellie's precut packages. They are being donated to COTS. Thanks for sharing your time and your photos, Gale!



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Thanks to Linda for sharing her photo of her new rainbow baby blanket and her beautiful Great Niece!

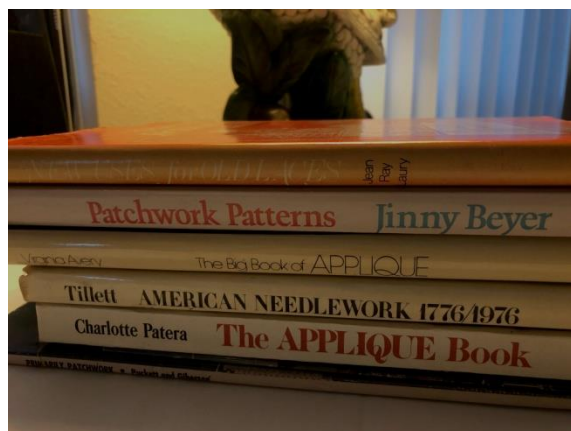
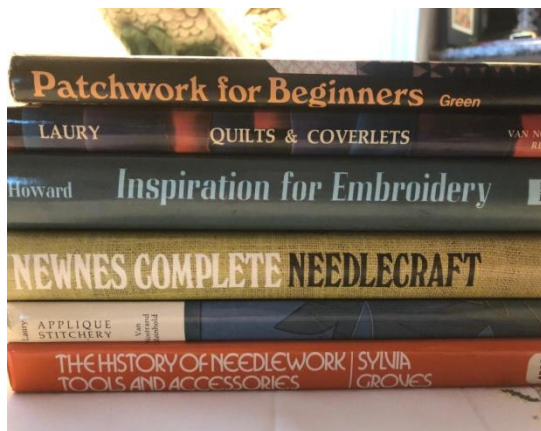


Petaluma Quilt Guild Remembers Joyce Gross-Collector, Researcher, Quilt Historian

The Guild's library has been gifted a donation of books from the collection of Joyce Gross by her daughter, Vicki Chase, and we will be delighted to make them available to PQG members once we can resume meeting together.

Joyce Gross, a graduate of UC Berkeley, former resident of Petaluma [20 years on D Street] and Mill Valley, and former member of PQG was well-known locally and recognized nationally. Her life's work was sparked by the purchase of an old quilt. Over the years her collection expanded to include more than 170 historically significant quilts by American quilters from the late 1930s to 2002. According to Vicki, our own Ellie O'Conner helped her with her quilt collection. Through Joyce's research, she became a leading historian of twentieth century quilts and quilters. The collection is now housed in the Briscoe Center of American History in Austin, Texas. You may recognize Joyce through some of her other activities, namely the establishment of the Point Bonita quilting retreats and publication of the *Quilters' Journal*. She was inducted into the Quilters Hall of Fame in 1996.

We wish to thank Vicki Chase for sharing her mother's legacy with the Petaluma Quilt Guild. Pictures below show book titles received.

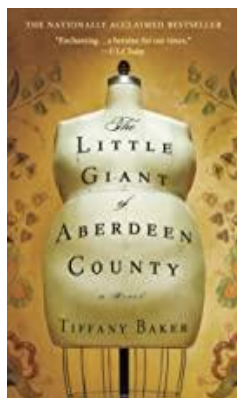




Quilt Tip:

To relieve the stress of burnt fingers when ironing seams open, cover a dowel about 18" with wool padding. Or... you can buy one on Missouri Star for \$9.99! YouTube has Strip Stick reviews.

Please send YOUR quilt tip and we will have a new column! Amanda



BOOK CORNER -



Denise recommends The Little Giant of Aberdeen County by Tiffany Baker. She says it is her favorite book.

Please share your favorite book or series! I will post my recommendation next month! Amanda

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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.

December Birthdays

Sue D. - 12/2

JoAnne W. - 12/4

Alexine S. - 12/13

Denise R. - 12/30



Committee Chairs

Block of the Month:

Denise

Castoff:

Gale

**Friendship Pieced &
Applique:**

Marja

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Barbara

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Military Quilts:

Jayne

Monthly Mini:

Elisabeth

MotherHen:

Open

Opportunity Quilt:

Gale

Help Wanted!

Some committee chair
positions are open. Please
consider volunteering.

Thank You!

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