

PETALUMA QUILT GUILD  
JANUARY 2021

# Sew Much News

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## Welcome 2021!

### JANUARY PROGRAM

Let's ring in 2021 together! Dress up in your party frock and let's make a toast for a better year!

We'll have Show and Tell and some fun trivia.

**Don't forget to send photos of your latest projects to Shannon.**

### RESOLUTIONS & WISHES

I only heard from a few members, but I think their resolutions and wishes speak to all of us; Janet's goal is to hug her parents and seven brothers and sisters and their families. Her wish is to go to Italy with her grandkids.

Denise hopes to lose those Covid pounds and spend time with her family free of Covid fears.

Gale plans to take online quilting classes and looks forward to being together with quilting friends!

**I echo their wish for community and family in the coming year!**

### General Meeting

**JAN 5, 2021**

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### Sewcial

**Jan 19 10am – 12pm**

### Board Meeting

**VIA EMAIL**

### How to Zoom -

See pp. 7-8

### Don't Forget

Block of the Month:

See pp. 9-10

Secret Pen Pals – some members have joined this voluntary program. Don't forget this was meant to reconnect our Guild with notes and letters.

Gifts are not required AT ALL! Please ignore any Amazon ads you receive as a result of the name drawing program!



## 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



*Happy Holidays*

## NOVEMBER 25, 2020 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Denise at 6:38 pm. Denise, Amanda, Secretary, Metha, V.P. Programs, Jean, Membership, Ellie, COTS Liason and Elisabeth, Treasurer were present via Zoom. Absent: Shannon, VP Programs, 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 reported our current balance.

**Membership Report:** We currently have 54 members. Jean will send out the updated roster and is working on correcting the email lists. We have a new member and Jean will send out a welcome letter before the end of the week.

**Newsletter Report:**

Amanda has one more newsletter and then Shannon will take over the Feb and March issues.

**Program's Report:** Amanda reported about plans to pack and deliver the holiday surprise to all the members. The December meeting will also have games.

**Block of the Month:** Denise has a new block, Throw a Snowball at 2020, available to show everyone at the next meeting. We will be drawing for the Winter Beanies blocks.

**COTS:** Ellie reported that they were able to donate 3 quilts & pillowcases to the Mary Isak Center. She has new fabric packets available. Ellie asked for clarification of the budget available to the COTS project and Elisabeth will get that to her.

**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 has made up some postcards that Denise needs to get from her and then she will pass them out at different quilt shops.

**Secret Pal Cards:** Denise will send out an e-blast to remind members to sign up. She will use a computer program to match people with their secret pen pal and

they can start sending cards in January. No finish date has been set.

**Opportunity Quilt:** The board decided to pursue the Woodland Creatures quilt for the next opportunity quilt. Denise will track down the designer and see if we can get permission before we present it to the members.

**Next Board Meeting:** not set.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda PQG Secretary



## General Meeting Minutes - December 1, 2020

Called to order at 7:02 pm.  
Denise welcomed everyone to the meeting on Zoom. We had around 39 members during the call.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elisabeth did not give a report.

**Board Meeting:** date will be decided

### Announcements

**Sewcial:** the third Zoom sewcial will be held on Dec 12th from 10 – 12.

**Quilt Retreat:** unfortunately, has to be cancelled due to Covid.

**Opportunity Quilt:** Denise got permission from the estate of the designer for Woodland Creatures so that will be our next Opp quilt. There was some reservations from some members about an applique quilt being accessible for all the members so we will form a committee and the setting/border can be worked out.

### **Business:**

**COTS:** Ellie reported that she was able to donate 7 quilts and pillowcases to Mary Isak Center.

**Dues Drawings:** Kathy B was the lucky recipient of the bag from Metha!

**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 month and then Shannon will take over for 2 months.

**Block of the Month:** We had a lot of participation. Members held up their blocks and the winner was – Francesca. 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 – Throw a Snowball at 2020.** The new block is available via the website, newsletter or direct email.

**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.

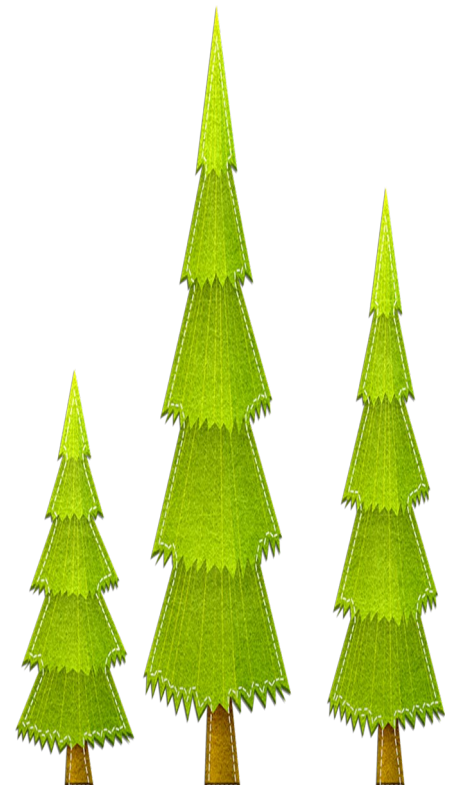
**Friendship Blocks:** if you would like to pick up your finished Friendship Pieced or Applique blocks, please contact Marga.

**Program:** what a great meeting! People were dressed up and had holiday decorations rocking their Zoom backgrounds. We played 2 bingo games – Sharon and Garnet won. We also had a Holiday Trivia game and Kathy S got all of the answers right!

**Show & Tell:** Members sent in their photos to share their holiday quilts and crafts. The biggest Show and Tell since we went to Zoom \*\*\*\***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 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda PQG Secretary



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Quilting goddesses!!!! (Do we have any quilting gods in our group??) Starting a new year always feels liberating, especially 2021 because of all the trials and tribulations we experienced in 2020. Although, all is not over, we can say we persevered last year. However that was for you, you persisted. Think of some of the stories your heirloom quilts must tell! How many loved ones found respite under its warm covering? How many found healing when wrapped in the quilt while ill? How much bonding of family members took place under that quilt? Oh! If 2020 were a quilt, it may have a few tears and loose threads, but it would still fulfill its purpose and cover everyone who sought warmth, healing and love! And it will for many years to come. Sure, there will be times when we get out the mending tools, work some magic and bring it back to good as new, ready for a fresh start. So New Year's Eve, wrap yourself in your favorite quilt and reflect on what an amazing job you did in 2020!

Our Newsletter is really coming to life! It is no longer written by an editor alone but all of you take part in it. Please continue to add your additions to the Tips, Book Reviews and Community Corner!

The Block of the Month is so fun!!! Congratulations to Francesca on winning the Winter Beanies! Can't wait to see what magic you work with them! This month we are doing "Hello 2021!" The pattern is on the website.

See you all soon! Embrace the New Year!!! Denise R



## THIS 'N THAT

### WALKER RANCH RETREAT UPDATE

With the greatest of sadness, the Walker Creek Ranch Retreat in March has been postponed until we all feel safe to get together.

Keep sewing and keep trying to connect with your friends.

Have an amazing 2021

Debby

Retreat Coordinator

### QUILTS FOR COTS

We have continued to sew and quilt at home and were able to deliver 7 quilts and pillowcases to the Mary Isaak Homeless Center. 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! As always, thank you for supporting this project and the homeless in our community. Ellie

### SEWCIAL



Our Saturday Morning Sew-cial continues to grow!! We had 8 members come to the December 12<sup>th</sup> Sew-cial to sew and discuss their current projects. Shannon worked on a cute house quilt and Amanda put together a falling star quilt using fabric she had hand-dyed a prior class. Marilyn and Jean continued to work on long-term projects and Eva was refashioning an existing project. Fran and Cathi showed the group how to hand stitch one in squares into blocks with the aid of a handy diagram. Denise worked on the next BOM and we all gave feedback on the colors. It was a good time for all involved.

Please join us next time on **Jan 19th**. We'd love to see you -



# 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-nosstrils 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](mailto: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





## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

PQG January 2021 Block of the Month

Hello 2021! (Throw Snowballs at 2020!)



### Materials and Cutting:

**Snowballs:** 4 assorted light or medium fabrics 5 ½" x 5 ½" squares

**Background:** Winter Blue; (12) 2" squares and (4) 2 ½" x 5 ½" rectangles

**Center Star:** Jewel Tone; (4) 2" squares and (1) 2 ½" square

### Construction:

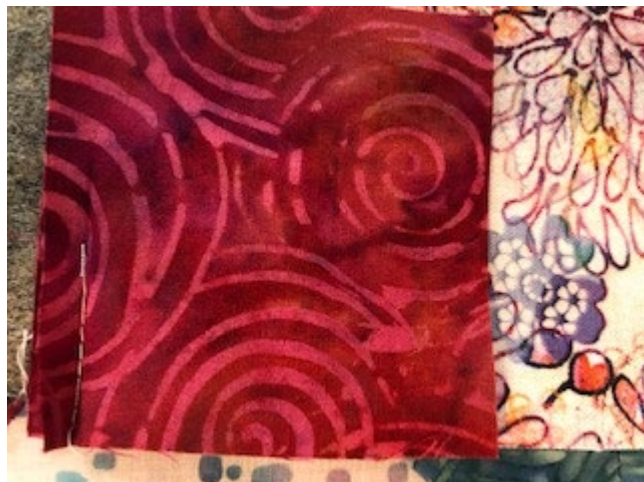
Make snowballs with one jewel tone square and 3 background squares. Use the flip and stitch method (<https://quiltnotes.com/learning-center/stitch-and-flip/>)



Arrange the layout of snowballs and sew on the 2 ½" x 5 ½" rectangles.



Sew a partial seam for the center star by placing the 2 ½" square on the upper left snowball.



Attach the upper right section to the upper left section. Attach the lower right section next. Attach the last section finishing the partial seam.



For questions or help,  
Denise

## MILITARY QUILTS

Military Quilts is changing to **Road to Oklahoma**. Contact Jayne and she will make sure you get fabric to make the 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:

For a Red White & Blue 12 inch finished Road to Oklahoma block you will need:

From your background cut two  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inch (or 4") squares and six  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inch squares (for this block the background is white)

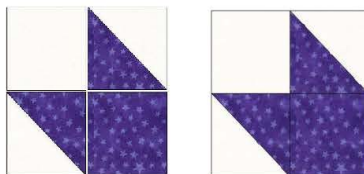
From your blue cut two  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inch (or 4") squares and two  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inch squares

From your red cut four  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inch squares.

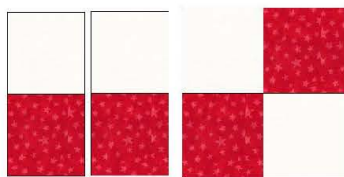


You will need four diagonal half squares for this block. First, mark your  $3\frac{7}{8}$  (or 4 inch and square it up after) inch background squares diagonally through the center. (This will be a cutting line when you are finished.) Place your blue square, right sides together, with the background. Sew on either side of the drawn line, exactly  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the first line. Cut this square in half on the cutting line. Trim off the corners, or dog ears as some people like to call them. You will now have two diagonal half-squares, which should measure exactly  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Repeat with the remaining  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inch squares (or 4 inch method and squaring after).

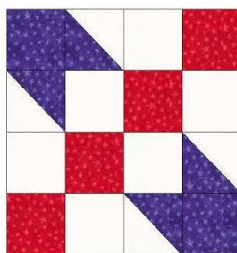
This four patch unit is made from your diagonal half squares and a blue and a background squares.



The next step will be to build two different four patch units. First sew a background and blue  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inch squares together, and then another pair. Sew those together into a four patch unit. Make another unit just like that one. The finished units should measure  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches.



Now assemble as shown. Your finished block should measure  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches.



Hello Quilters, Please keep the colors as shown in the directions. I have lots of fabric and can deliver if needed. This block will makes up into a great quilt that a veteran would be proud to use. Thank you for participating. As always if you have questions you can call me 707-778-1522 or email me at [myjaynewithay@gmail.com](mailto:myjaynewithay@gmail.com) Have a great month, Jayne



## SHOW & TELL PAGES

Sharon J



Sharon J



Amanda C.



Amanda C.



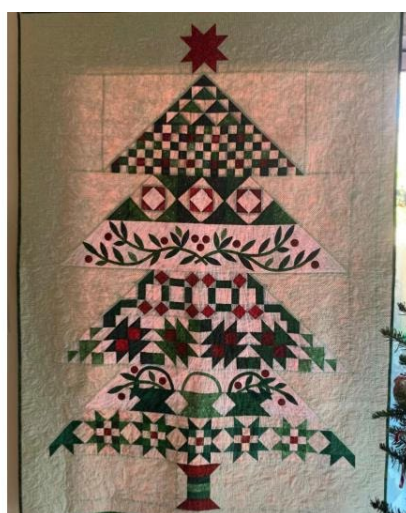
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Kitty



Debby L.



Christmas Tree Quilt I finished this year from Broadway Quilts' BOM. It's for my Dad who is at Spring Lake Village.  
--Janet C



Janet C.  
Snowmen wall hanging which just I makes me smile. I bought a yard or so of this fabric, fussy cut the pieces and made several darling wall hangings for my family. Luckily I saved one for me!

The first Christmas quilt I made and which sits on my quite unique quilt stand. The Christmas Santa guards the quilt!





Brenda B.



Brenda B.



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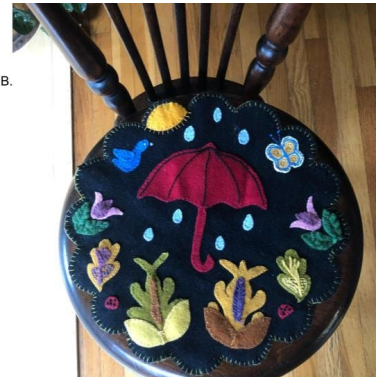
Brenda B.



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Jean R.



Brenda B.





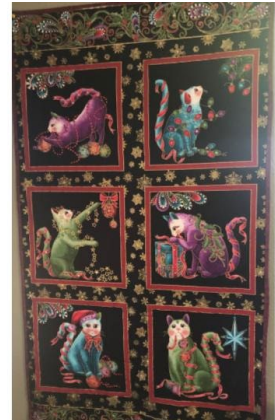
Garnet's Show and Tell items were accidentally left out of the Zoom meeting so here they are for us all to enjoy!







Denise R.



Sherri G



Susan H.

Susan H.



Metha

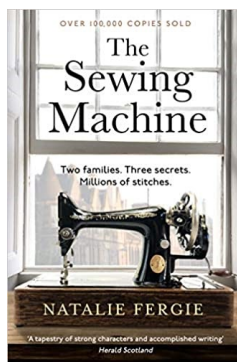


## Quilt Tip:

When you are sewing small pieces, treat the fabric with a light starch like Best Press. This will save on any stretching of the fabric while you sew.



A Special Thank you to the Elves that helped with the package deliveries! Marilyn and Laura, you were invaluable! Thanks so much! Amanda and Shannon!



## BOOK CORNER -



Kitty recommends The Sewing Machine by Natalie Fergie. It takes place in the early 1900's and the narrator is involved in a general strike at a Singer factory. Her descendants find her memoir. I'm definitely adding it to my list!

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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.

## JANUARY Birthdays

Garnet - 1/3

Jayne - 1/9

Metha - 1/19

Kathy B - 1/20

Sally - 1/26

Susan - 1/27



### Committee Chairs

**Block of the Month:**

Denise

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Gale

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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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### Committee Chairs

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**Newsletter Coordinator:**

Marilyn

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**Oct/Nov:**, Jean

**Dec/Jan** - Amanda

**Feb/Mar** - Shannon

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