

SEW MUCH NEWS

Petaluma Quilt Guild Monthly Newsletter



President's Message

Hello Fellow Guild Members!

Here we are in 2021, a year where we thought the chaos would instantly subside. But, the Universe had other ideas! State news, world news, and even in our tucked away little guild there have been some issues that needed to be ironed out. I feel like I just went from long arm quilting to hand quilting with a hoop! But, that's okay. Perfecting is a good thing!

The great news is that **Debby Lowenthal was voted in as treasurer!** Thank you Debby for stepping up with your great ideas and welcome to the PQG Board of Directors! And thank you everyone for voting!

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DON'T MISS THIS!

GENERAL MEETING:

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

BOARD MEETING:

WED, JAN 27, 6:30P

SEW-CIAL

**FEBRUARY 20TH,
10 AM TO 12 PM.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY PROGRAM THEME: SCRAPS!!

We will be watching a short video on scrap quilting - 7 ways to use your crumbs w/ Karen Brown of "Just Get it Done Quilts".

Show us your quilts made with scraps! Send a pic to Shannon for the slideshow.

Do you have tips, tricks or techniques to share for using scraps? There will be time during the meeting to hear from members that would like to share.



President's letter continued >>

That being said, it is the time of year when in order to be compliant with our non-profit status, we need a couple of people to volunteer by January 20th to be on a short-term Bylaw Committee when we will review the Bylaws of the charter. Maybe one or two meetings on Zoom?

We are also past due making a budget for the 2020/2021 Fiscal year, so we need a couple of people to sign up by January 20th for a Budget Committee. Please email me at petalumaquiltguild@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your help.

Congratulations to Nancy Linder for winning the Block of the Month "Hello 2021!". This month I hope you will join in and make a ShooFly with a Twist (pattern instructions included in this newsletter). It's simple and fun. Let's challenge ourselves to get at least 12 blocks for the drawing.

A big thank you to Shannon and Amanda for keeping us entertained with fun games at the Monthly meeting. It really brightens things up.

The January 16th Sew-cial was a great success. It was very relaxing working on a project and chatting about what's going on in our lives plus helping each other with quilting questions/methods. We also get a look at what our members are working on!

Please join us for the next one February 20th, 10 AM to 12 PM.

Remember you are always welcome to call me with your thoughts, concerns and ideas. I am a very open person and would love to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Denise Ragazzino

*Virtual hugs and digital greetings
To every sister who stitches-
Both home and at meetings.
May 2021 be better than prior
With all sad memories gone
Like ashy wisps from a long-out fire.
So; look forward to spring
With real hugs and live meetings,
Sharing our projects
And smile-filled greetings!
Affectionately, Sara Z*



January Guild Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2021

Called to order at 7:02 pm.

Denise welcomed everyone to the meeting on Zoom. We had around 24 members during the call. Denise recognized the effort Shannon makes to plan the Zoom meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Elisabeth gave an update on our current balance.

Board Meeting: will be held on January 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. All members are welcome. 4th

Sewcial – January 16, 2021 10am to noon. We are always happy to give out advice and opinions!

Announcements Tri-Guild Luncheon: This has been postponed until 9/11/21

Business

COTS: Ellie reported that she was able to donate 6 quilts and 60 pillowcases to the Voices Project before Christmas. In running her numbers, she found the group has made 154 quilts every year – 2018, 2019 and 2020!!!!

Military: Jayne has a new pattern in the last newsletter. She is happy to drop off fabric. She will take any 12 ½" unfinished block. So far she has made 72 quilts! 22 went to the vets the week of Christmas!!

Newsletter: Shannon will create the newsletter for the next 2 months.

Block of the Month: we only had a few participants. Members held up their blocks and the winner was – Nancy L. 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.** The new block is available via the website, newsletter or direct email.

Show & Tell: We had a show and tell from a few members. **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.**

Program: Shannon had a block trivia game. Images of different traditional blocks were shown and then read the answers. There were no prizes.

Barbara C asked if anyone knows anything about a green and white quilt left at her house, please call her about it. *

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

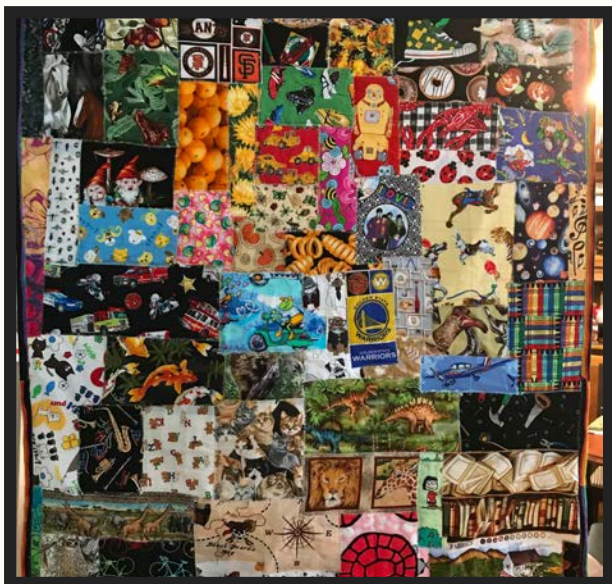
Announcement:

Two emergency board meetings were held on January 7 and January 14 to address the resignation of the treasurer position and necessary changes in bank account.



FEBRUARY 2021

SHOW AND TELL



Show and Tell from January
Zoom Meeting.
Top Left and Right: Marilyn F.
Middle Left: Gale V
Middle Right: Debby L.
Bottom Left: Debby L.

Free Patterns Palooza!



Simple Hearts Quilt Tutorial

How about a FREE pattern for Valentines Day! From Cluck Cluck Sew
<https://cluckclucksew.com/2019/01/simple-hearts-quilt-free-pattern.html>

She also offers a FREE fun printable sheet for the heart block in sizes 4" to 10".
<https://cluckclucksew.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Heart-Blocks-Pattern.pdf>

Lots of free patterns, tutorials and just some great photos of quilts on this website!
<https://cluckclucksew.com/>

Jelly Roll Hearts Table Runner

Moda has a free pattern for this adorable table runner. You can find the instructions here:
<https://my.modafabrics.com/2018/02/jelly-roll-hearts-table-runner.html>



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

8 - Angela O

11 - Marilyn G

11 - Lillian R

25 - Marilyn F





Quilts for COTS

We were so happy to have so many of our quilts and pillowcases delivered before Christmas. We are so grateful for our hobby that keeps us busy with sewing and quilting projects.

I have pillowcase kits and fabric packets ready for your sewing pleasure! Adult pillowcases are needed.

Porch visits and exchange of projects continue to be on my list of favorite things! **The total number of quilts that have been created since 1993 is 3807.**

As always, thank you for supporting this project and the homeless in our community. Ellie - chairperson, Quilts for COTS

Sewcial report by Jean P.

At today's Sewcial, we had 10 guild members attending. Several of us worked on the block-of-the-month with Denise figuring out the one for March. Some "in progress" quilts were shown and Amanda worked on a new mask (after retiring her Christmas one). Jayne even showed up just to chat because her computer is not in her sewing room. Lots of topics were discussed, including where everyone was born or grew up and/or when they moved to California. It was a fun day and, all of a sudden, it was time to go. Please join us next time!!!

Here is a older sewing tip that is worth revisiting: when you change the blade on your rotary cutter, write the date directly on the blade with a Sharpie pen, or on a sticker on the handle of the cutter.

Really helps when you own multiple rotary cutters.

--Sally



WRAPPED UP IN CHRISTMAS

BY JANICE LYNN

Good quilt story about how a donated quilt changed the life of a soldier.

*Recommended by
Denise R.*

Secret Pals

MESSAGE BOARD

THE SECRET PAL MESSAGE BOARD IS A PLACE TO
THANK YOUR PAL FOR ANYTHING YOU HAVE RECEIVED.
SOME PEOPLE HAVE SENT ME AN EMAIL WANTING TO
SEND A MESSAGE TO THEIR NAME DRAWN SECRET PAL,
BUT IN THAT CASE, THE NEWSLETTER POSITION
PERSON KNOWS THE SECRET. LET'S KEEP THIS SPACE
FOR NOTES TO THANK OUR SECRET PALS (WHO IS
SENDING CARDS TO US) FOR ANYTHING WE MAY HAVE
RECEIVED.

Thank you to Kathy S.
for sharing all of
these adorable
sewing themed vintage
valentine images for
the newsletter!

Thank you Secret Pal for
the cute ornament. I
hung it on my hutch after
to admire it all year. You
have great taste.

Debby L

Dear Secret Pal,

Your many holiday gifts were both beautiful and unique. I'm especially fascinated with the Japanese wrapping cloth. Thank You so much.

Going forward, a copy of a favorite poem or recipe would be lovely. I love to read, so book recommendations would also be perfect.

With heartfelt thanks and love, Ellie

Shout Out to my Secret
Pal - love the cards!!!

You are spoiling me!
Can't wait to see what
you send next.

--Jean P

Thank you Secret Pal
for sending such loving
cards!!!!

--Denise

I would like to my secret
pal for the lovely birthday
card with pattern cards
and fat quarter.

--Jayne

Cathi,
May Your
Valentine's Day
be Sew Special
-your secret pal

Thank you secret
pal for the cards
and the recipe, I
think you must
know me well!

--Shannon





Be Aware: Email Phishing Scams

Recently some of our guild members received an email that looked like it was from Denise Ragozzoni and the subject line was "Petaluma Quilt Guild". The email asked users to send money and click on a link. This was a "phishing email" also known as scam email.

How to Recognize Phishing

Scammers use email or text messages to trick you into giving them your personal information. They may try to steal your passwords, account numbers, or Social Security numbers.

If they get that information, they could gain access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Scammers launch thousands of phishing attacks like these every day – and they're often successful.

The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center reported that people lost \$57 million to phishing schemes in one year.

Scammers often update their tactics, but there are some signs that will help you recognize a phishing email or text message.

Phishing emails and text messages may look like they're from a company you know or trust. They may look like they're from a bank, a credit card company, a social networking site, an online payment website or app, or an online store.

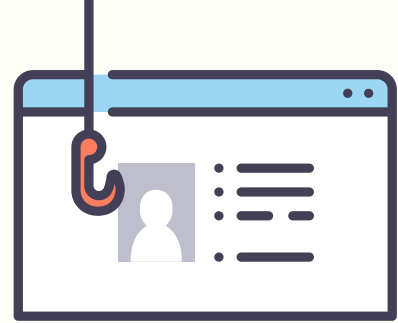
Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. They may

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts
- claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information
- say you must confirm some personal information
- include a fake invoice want you to click on a link to make a payment say you're eligible to register for a government refund
- offer a coupon for free stuff

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Continued: Email Phishing Scams



What to Do If You Suspect a Phishing Attack

If you get an email or a text message that asks you to click on a link or open an attachment, answer this question:

Do I have an account with the company or know the person that contacted me?

If the answer is "No," it could be a phishing scam.

Do not click the link.

Delete the message.

If the answer is "Yes," contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real. Not the information in the email. Attachments and links can install harmful malware.

What to Do If You Responded to a Phishing Email

If you think a scammer has your information, like your Social Security, credit card, or bank account number, go to [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov).

There you'll see the specific steps to take based on the information that you lost.

If you think you clicked on a link or opened an attachment that downloaded harmful software, update your computer's security software. Then run a scan.

In the case of the Petaluma Quilt Guild, there were a few clues that made members stop and act before clicking on any links.

The "from" email address was "Denis Ragozzoni", Denis and not Denise. Also, the email address in the "from" was not Denise's email address.

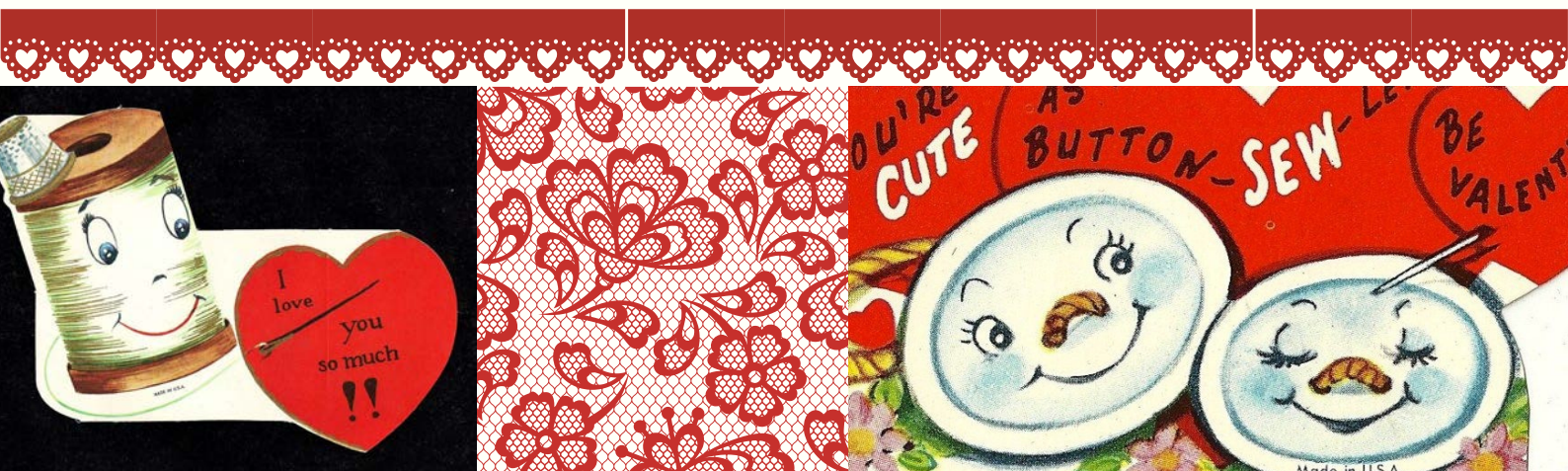
Bottom line is, if it seems strange, it probably is. Always check if you suspect something "phishy".

One member reported that this happened in another guild she was in as well, and there is some thought that these hackers are attacking church groups, quilt guilds and other small vulnerable groups.

Contributed by: Shannon S

Information gathered from The Federal Trade Commission website.

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>.



February Block of the Month - Shoo Fly with a Twist

Bring to February 2nd meeting

Fabric:

Bright White on White

A Medium and a Dark Tonal Red

Cut:

Light bright White:

Cut 2 - 4" squares and 4 - 3 1/2" squares

Medium Red: 2 - 4" squares

Dark Red : 1 3 1/2" square



Directions:

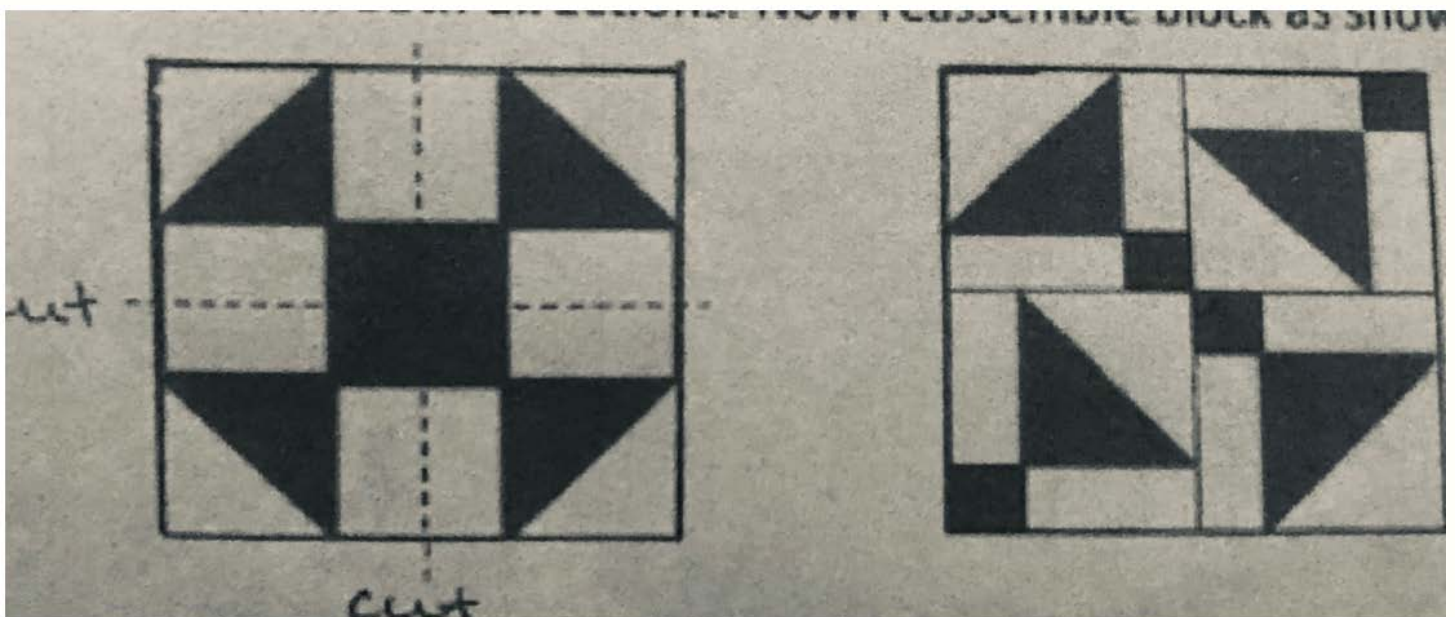
Make 4 Half Square Triangles using the two light white 4" squares and the two Medium Red squares. (Place right sides together, draw a diagonal line, sew 1/4" on each side of the line. Cut on drawn line, press to medium red and square up to 3 1/2" square)

Assemble Shoo Fly block, press and square up to 9 1/2".

Measure in 4 3/4" (center) and cut through the block in both directions. Now assemble the block as shown. The unfinished size should be 9"X9"

For questions contact

Denise Ragozzino djragozzino@yahoo.com or 707-758-7932



MILITARY QUILTS

Military Quilts is currently making to Road to Oklahoma blocks. 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)

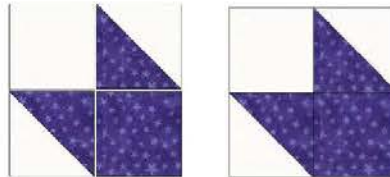
From your blue cut two $3\frac{7}{8}$ inch (or 4") squares and two $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares

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

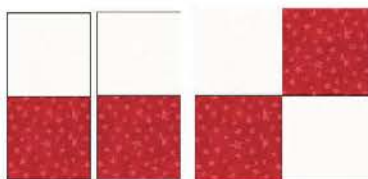


You will need four diagonal half squares for this block. First, mark your $3\frac{7}{8}$ (or 4 inch and square it up after) inch background squares diagonally through the center. (This will be a cutting line when you are finished.) Place your blue square, right sides together, with the background. Sew 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).

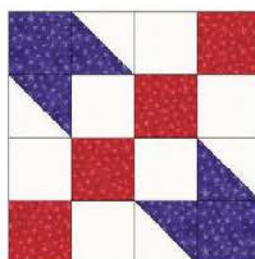
This four patch unit is made from your diagonal half squares and a blue and a background squares.



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 Have a great month, Jayne

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