



SEW MUCH NEWS

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Announcing ...



Our slate of officers for the 2021-2022 year:

President: Debby L.

Vice President Membership: Jean P. & Sharon J.

Vice President Programs: Sally A. & Susan H



Treasurer: Marilyn F.

Secretary: Natalie G.



Please attend the July meeting to elect these officers by acclamation.

Meetings

General Meeting:

July 6, 2021, 7pm
via Zoom

Sewcial:

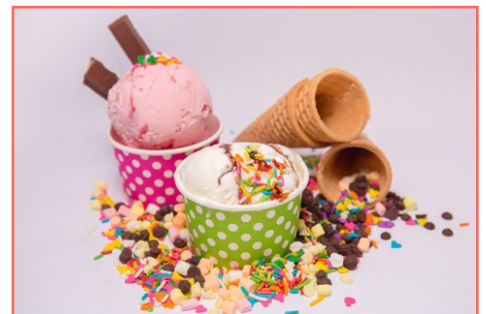
July 17, 2021,
11am - 1pm
via Zoom

Board Meeting:

July 28, 2021, 6:30pm

July Program

Our July meeting is always an ice cream social; we are still meeting on Zoom, but that doesn't mean we can't eat ice cream! Let's make it BYOIC (bring your own ice cream) and we'll meet online. We'll have a game or two, no prizes, just fun. For Show and Tell we will share both patriotic quilts and current projects. Send show and tell photos to Shannon's email address. Hope to see you there.



June Sewcial

We had a lovely Sew-cial on Saturday, June 19th. In attendance were me, Marilyn F, Amanda C, Gale V, Cathy L, Fran Z, Jayne M, and Daisy G. Amanda worked on military squares. Gale finished a military quilt and started another one. Daisy worked on her machine embroidered flowers for her bridal bouquet and a braid quilt, Fran was finishing her final border of 1 1/2" squares all sewn by hand! Marilyn made some military blocks. And Jayne made her Block of the month's Spinning Geese. As always it was a delightful group of people to hang with and craft. Please join us next month on July 17, 2021 for the next Sew-cial!
~ Denise ~

President's Letter

Greetings from Utah, Friends!

I am writing my letter to you from the Handi Quilter week-long Academy in Layton, Utah outside of Salt Lake City. I am learning so many things, even the basics that I was doing wrong with my long arm. Since I got it during the COVID-19 shutdown, I had no access to any teaching. I watched a lot of videos, though! I can't wait to try new quilting methods and patterns. Today I even learned couching!

July meeting will still be via Zoom. Please attend as we need a quorum to elect by acclamation our slate of officers for the the 2021-2022 year! Many thanks to all our candidates for stepping up! I am so fond of this guild and I know you are too! In order to maintain guild activities, we need volunteers for the committee chair positions. Soon we will be meeting in person and it just wouldn't be the same without committees. Think about what your contribution can be.

So far we have 29 blocks turned in for the opportunity quilt for 2022 and will need more. Could everyone please make another one? We are also looking for a small group to plan the layout and sew the blocks together. Let me know if you can help out.

News from Lucchesi Park is that they are having a "soft opening." This means only smaller groups of 10 or less for four hours during the day. Since we are bigger and in the evening we are possibly looking at September. Nothing is set in stone, yet.

I hope everyone is enjoying getting out more and hugging their family once again. Although we are still cautious, it is certainly lighter, isn't it?

Looking forward to seeing you all, whether Zoom or in person!

Fondly, Denise



May 26, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Denise at 6:31 pm via Zoom. Denise, Amanda, Secretary, Jean, Membership, Deb, Treasurer, Ellie, COTS Liaison and Gale, Opp Quilt Guardian were present. Absent: Jayne, Military Quilts and Shannon, VP Membership and Sue D, Parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved with one correction – COTS Quilting meets at Valley Orchard NOT Vintage Chateau.

Treasurer's Report: Deb reported the balance on the accounts.

Membership Report:

Jeannie brought up the fact that she must keep revising the roster. The board decided that she would only send a new roster once a month if needed and that would go out around the time of the newsletter.

Newsletter Report:

Marilyn F will be

producing the newsletter until the end of the term.

Program's Report: Daisy will present a program at the June mtg. Shannon will have a program for July.

Block of the Month:

Denise has a new block, Whirling Geese, to show to the members.

COTS: No changes there. They are working with the Voices project.

Business:

Opportunity Quilt: Gale has been calling people that have not turned in their tickets. She only has a few people that have not responded. The deadline for tickets and money is Aug 15th. We will draw for the winner at the Sept meeting.

Nominating Committee:

Sue D has been making calls.

Affiliates: A discussion was held as to whether it was appropriate to highlight an affiliate a month in the newsletter. It was decided to offer the idea to the yet, unknown, new newsletter person.

Secret Pals: Deb asked if we would approve adding the Guild PO Box as a return address for Secret Pal envelopes so that if they go awry in the post office service, they will go back to the Guild box.

Sonoma/Marin Fair: Deb and Marilyn were reporting on whether the Guild's award is featured in the hybrid fair in June. Deb is trying to contact the fair directly.

Website: Marilyn asked that the military block be put up on the website. Amanda said she would take care of it.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda C,
PQG Secretary



PGQ General Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2021

Called to order at 7:06 pm. Denise welcomed everyone to the meeting on Zoom. We had 23 members during the call. Minutes: the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Deb gave us the balances.

Membership: Jeannie announced that she will be sending out the roster only once a month if there are changes needed. She will send the corrected roster around the same time as the newsletter so please get any changes you find to her by the 15th.

Board Meeting: will be held on June 23, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. All members are welcome.

Sewcial – June 19, 2021 11am to 1:00. The time has been changed so more people will attend.

Announcements

Newsletter: Marilyn F will be producing the July, August, Sept newsletters.

Opportunity Quilts

Blocks: please turn in by June 15th. Amanda and Shannon will accept blocks at their homes.

Business:

Nominating Committee: Sue D has been calling/

emailing members because we need a full slate of officers except for Treasurer. We cannot run the Guild without a board! We will also need someone to help Kathy with the library and someone to run Block of the Month. **Now is the time to step up and help out your Guild***

COTS: Ellie reported that she was able to donate 5 quilts and pillowcases to the shelter. She needs pillowcases so if you have time, please contact her for kits.

Military: Jayne is going to be making up some kits with panels. They will be fast and easy. Contact her for a kit!

Block of the Month:

Nancy was the winner of the Spa block. 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 – Whirling Geese - is available via the website, newsletter or direct email.

Opportunity Quilt: Gale has been calling everyone that had outstanding tickets for the 2021 Opp Quilt. We need the money/tickets in by the August meeting and we will be drawing at the Sept meeting.

Program: Daisy demonstrated 3 Ecofriendly sewing projects – Paperless Paper Towels, Washable Scrubby and Crocheted Bag of Bags. The projects were all easy and scrapbusters! She will be sending out the instructions to all the members.

Show & Tell: postponed this 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 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda C,
PQG Secretary

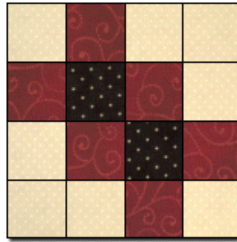


Military News and Block of the Month

ARROWHEAD PUZZLE

Color 1 - Red
Color 2 - Blue
Color 3 -
White/Off White

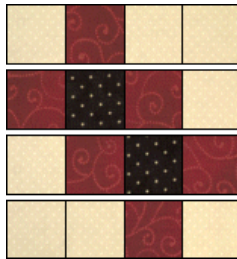
This makes a 16" block !



**July 2021 Military
Block of the Month**



Cut the Color 1 4-1/2" x 27" strip of fabric into six 4-1/2" squares. Cut the Color 2 4-1/2" x 9" strip into two 4-1/2" squares. Cut the Color 3 4-1/2" x 36" strip into eight 4-1/2" squares...



Using the standard scant 1/4" seam allowance sew one each of the four rows show at left. Press seams in alternating directions by row. Sew the rows together and your block is complete! Good Job!!

Thank you for taking this block. Any questions, please call Jayne at [REDACTED]

The Veterans services in Sonoma County picked up 14 quilts and pillow cases this week and were very appreciative and happy to receive them. They said the veterans really love them and appreciate that they get to keep them.
Thanks, Jayne



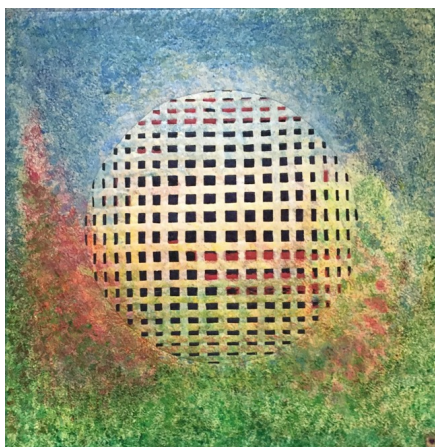
Lyra Bobo - Lake Illsongo

Pointless Sisters Exhibit

The Pointless Sisters Art Quilt Group of Sonoma County will be holding an exhibit at the Occidental Center for the Arts from June 5 through July 31. The exhibit will feature pieces created on the theme of "Favorite Color Banners", as well as other work by individual members. Over 50 pieces will be offered for sale. The OCA gallery is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 4pm for in person viewing; masks required. Private viewings can be

arranged by request. OCA is located at 3850 Doris Murphy Ct., (off of Bohemian HWY), Occidental. The gallery can be contacted at 707-874-9392 and a virtual tour of the exhibit will be posted on their website:

www.occidentalcenterforthearts.org



Geri Cross - Sphere #3 In The Garden



**Happy
July
Birthday
to...**

Kitty T. - 11th

Carol C. - 12th

Ellie O. - 20th

Fran Z. - 21st

Jean R. - 24th

Sara Z. - 27th

Opportunity Quilt

Last call for tickets and money! Please send to Gale V.

Drawing will be held in August.

Sonoma Quilt Show

The Sonoma Quilt Show is coming up Aug 21-22, and we have an opportunity to show our quilts! The show is sponsored by our affiliate, Broadway Quilts, to benefit Vintage House, Sonoma's local senior center. It is usually held in March, but has been postponed this year until August due to the pandemic. This is not adjudicated, nor is it a guild show, but entries are open to everyone. Please watch Broadway Quilts' website for upcoming entry forms and further information. (www.broadwayquilts.com)



OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: DENISE R.

VP MEMBERSHIP: JEAN P.

VP PROGRAM: SHANNON S.

SECRETARY: AMANDA C.

TREASURER: DEBBY L.



Secret Pal News and Messages

All good things come to an end and our Secret Pal Program will end at the beginning of August, when we will hold the big reveal! That means you have one month left to make your Secret Pal feel special. Remember that you can use the guild's address as the return address in order to keep your identity secret:

P.O. Box 5334 Petaluma 94955

Thank you to my
secret pal. Love the
Fabric!
Debbly L

A BIG thank you to my Secret
Pal for my fabulous birthday
gift. You must know that I love
free-motion quilting and batiks!
Love them both, and they will
be put to good use. Jean P.

To my Secret Pal:
Your fabric
choices are
delightful!
Thanks so much!!
Marilyn F.



Quilts for COTS

The last 2 weeks have been especially busy for Quilters for COTS. We have delivered a total of 25 quilts and pillowcases in the community:

- 10 quilts and pillowcases to the Voices Project
- 10 quilts and pillowcases to the COTS Outreach Program
- 5 quilts and pillowcases to the COTS Homeless Center

We are in NEED of pillowcases for adults. I have kits that are ready to sew. Let me know if you would like a kit.

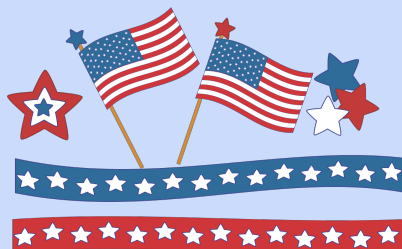
Your beautiful work is out in the community spreading TLC and joy. I've met some of the recipients of our quilts, and they all say thank you and how special our creations are. Message from the Mary Isaak Homeless Center:

Thank you for the beautiful quilts and pillowcases. We appreciate these special gifts that have been created for our clients. THANK YOU!

I'll add my thanks to all of you who support this project.

Ellie

Ellie O'Connor
Coordinator



Thank You,
Affiliates!



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NEW QUILT CHALLENGE!

"A GRAND ENTRANCE"

WITH THE CRAZINESS OF THE PANDEMIC LAST SUMMER, WE DIDN'T INTRODUCE A NEW QUILT CHALLENGE FOR 2021. WE'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A QUILT CHALLENGE TO BE REVEALED AT THE NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING,

WHETHER IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM, WE WILL HAVE A REVEAL OF THE CHALLENGE QUILTS AND A VOTE FOR THE WINNERS AT THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING.

IN THE SPIRIT OF RE-ENTERING SOCIETY AFTER THE LOCKDOWN, THE THEME FOR THE QUILT CHALLENGE IS "A GRAND ENTRANCE" .

INTERPRET THIS THEME IN ANY WAY YOU LIKE. THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG INTERPRETATIONS. THERE ARE NO SIZE REQUIREMENTS. THE FINISHED PRODUCT CAN BE ANY QUILTED ITEM, THAT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO TOTE BAGS, TABLE RUNNERS, ETC. QUESTIONS? CONTACT SHANNON

Fabric Extravaganza!

The Amador Valley Quilt Guild of Pleasanton CA is inviting us to their Fabric Extravaganza Sale! They are offering 10,000+ yards of 100% cotton quilting fabric. You can expect to find yardage, precuts, panels, fat quarters, kits, notions, yarn, books, and patterns, as well as stamp and card making supplies and figurines by Ann Dezendorf and Jim Shore. Daily special prize drawings will be held. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted as payment. Tax is included with purchase. Masks are required and social distancing practices will be observed.

Dates:

Fri., July 16 & Sat., July 17, 9am-4pm

Fri., July 30 & Sat., July 31, 9am-4pm

Location:

Castro Valley United Methodist Church
19806 Wisteria St.

Castro Valley, CA 94546

parking on site



Committee Chairs

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: DENISE R.

CASTOFF : GALE V.

FRIENDSHIP PIECED & APPLIQUE:

MARJA T.

HOSPITALITY: BARBARA C.

LIBRARY: KATHY B.

MILITARY QUILTS: JAYNE M.

OPPORTUNITY QUILT: GALE V.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

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JULY-SEPT 2021 - MARILYN F.,

PARLIMENTARIAN: SUE D.

QUILTS FOR COTS: ELLIE O.

RETREATS: DEBBY L.

SUNSHINE: LAURA L

WEBMASTER:

SHANNON S & AMANDA C



Many thanks to all our officers and committee chairs who have served this past fiscal year! Your contributions and leadership have kept us rolling under challenging circumstances!

We are now looking for members to serve for our upcoming year. We need everyone to make a contribution of some sort or other. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Sue D. or Denise R.



Check It Out

You can find more guild info, pictures, forms, documents and newsletter archives at our guild website:

www.petalumaquiltguild.org

Eco Friendly Projects

Here are the instructions for all the Eco Friendly Products that Daisy presented at the June general meeting! Many thanks to Daisy for the presentation and writing this up for all of us!

Hi there everyone! It's time to make the world a better place and how better to do this than to reuse some things we have laying around the house. In this lesson you will learn how to make paperless paper towels, reusable sponges, and even how to make yarn out of plastic bags! Lets get started.

Paperless Paper Towels

You will need:

Terry cloth or old towels
Scrap fabric cotton or flannel (any size works depending on how big you want to make yours)
Rotary mat/cutter
Quilting ruler
Optional: Plastic snaps and a Plastic snap setter



First you will need to determine how big you would like your paper towels to be, a regular paper towel measures 6x11 inches. Depending on your needs you can choose to make them bigger or smaller.

Start by cutting your old towel or terry cloth to size (save your scraps for later).

Now cut out your cotton or flannel to the same size. I find that cotton gave me a nice light cleaning towel whereas the flannel gave me a thicker more absorbent towel.

Now that our pieces are cut lets round out the edges, I find this makes it easier to sew them.

If you have a serger you can just put your fabrics wrong sides together and serge around the edges.

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If you don't have a serger fear not just put your pieces right sides together (pin if desired) and sew around the edges, leave a gap to flip out to the right side. Once flipped give the corners a poke with your finger or a chopstick to smooth them out then sew up the opening, I do this with the sewing machine but if you want it to have a nicer finish you can do a hidden stitch to close it up.

If you are using snaps it is time to put them on! You will need one for each corner there is a top and bottom to each one and two different styles. Grab 4 tops, 2 female style bottom, and 2 male style bottoms. Place one top about an inch into one corner and place the female style bottom on the opposite side, use the plastic snap setting tool to crimp them to each other make sure to do it nice and tight! Now on the opposite long side of the towel (same side of the fabric) repeat the process. Repeat this with the male style bottoms on the other corners but on the opposite side of the fabric, so if you put the tops of the first set on the cotton/flannel side you will put the tops of the second set on the terry cloth/towel side

Now roll up your towels and put them on your paper towel holder for easy use! And there you have it a nice eco friendly way to clean up your messes while still having the convenience of a paper towel.

Reusable Sponges

You will need:

Scraps of terry cloth or old towels

Scrap cotton or flannel

Mesh fabric

Scraps of batting



I got the idea of this from my favorite machine embroidery site SweetPea Embroidery, for all of you that have an embroidery machine go check them out!

For all of you who don't have an embroidery machine fear not! I have adapted a version of this for just regular sewing and it turned out just as good as the machine embroidered one!

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The sponge that I made came out to be 6x4 inches, you can make it bigger or smaller depending on your needs.

First grab your mesh and place 2 layers down, on top of those put your scrap fabric right side down, on top of that place 2-3 pieces of scrap batting. Draw out the shape you want your sponge to be, I chose to do a rectangle with rounded corners but a circle would be fun to do as well!

If you want to pin your fabrics together do so at this point. Sew through all the layers stacked together on the line you drew for your shape. Next sew a line across one corner, make sure the line goes from one part of the sewn line to the other. Sew along a few stitches up the stitch line approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and repeat until you have a lined texture though the whole piece. This creates the rough scrubby side of the sponge.

Now take your terry cloth and place it on the mesh side of your sponge. Pin if desired and sew around the stitch line again this time leaving an opening of about 2" I used a triple bean stitch to make it stronger.

Trim the edges about $\frac{1}{4}$ from the seam and flip it right side out. Push the fabric from the open seam back into the sponge so that it lays flush with the edge and sew it up, I chose to use my machine to sew it closed but you can do a hidden stitch.

And there you have it a new sponge ready to use!

Plarn

(plastic yarn)

You will need:

Scissors (any scissor will do just not your good fabric ones!)

All the plastic bags you can get your hands on



Ok I will do my best to explain it but if you get lost and need a visual just look up how to make plarn in your youtube browser and you will find a lot of them

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Take your plastic bag and lay it as flat as you can

Fold it in half so the handles are together, fold it in half a second time folding in the same direction, fold it one more time in the same direction. You should now have a long skinny plastic bag.

Cut off the handles and the bottom of the bag.

Fold your skinny rectangle in half top to bottom, cut along the fold. You should now have 2 pieces. Repeat the fold and cut 2 more times. You should end up with a square once all the folds are done and cut.

Cut the square you have made in half going in the same direction you where cutting the folds in the rectangles.

Unfold each strip, it should come out as a loop. Do not cut the loop open, if any of the loops are not connected into a loop just tie the ends to make it into a loop.

You should now have 18 loops of plastic.

Take one plastic loop to be your starter, pass another loop of plastic through the first then pass the tail end of the same piece through itself so that the first loop is in the middle of the second. Pull the long tail to close the circle onto the first loop. You should now have 2 plastic loops joined together. Repeat the process with all of the loops to make your plarn.

Roll it into a ball as you go along to help manage all the plarn you are making.

And there you have it! All done and ready to make whatever crochet or knitting project you can think of!!!

I hope you all have fun making your eco friendly projects! Spread the word and the patterns with all your friends and family, and if you need any help or have questions feel free to contact me.

Happy crafting!
Daisy

For Sale!

Debby L. has a Singer Portable Electric 221-1 Sewing Machine. Never used it, bought a year or so ago. Selling for same price \$150. Contact her for more information.



Building a Quilt

Sewing a well-made quilt top has more to do with being prepared than it does with talent. The two most important skills for great piecing are accurately cut fabrics and consistently sewn seams. Throw in some good pressing habits, and you are well on your way down the road of near perfection.

From Tula & Angela

Tip sent in by JoAnne W.



Books!

I was lucky enough to receive these amazing quilt related books from a fellow quilter and I'd love to pass them on to someone that will love them. If you haven't read the Earlene Fowler series yet, you are really missing out. Please contact me if you would like to have any of these. Thanks, Amanda



Show and Tell



Both quilts by Jeannie P.

Close up of Jeannie's quilting on the hexagon quilt

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