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PETALUMA QUILT GUILD

SEPTEMBER 2023

GENERAL MEETING

Sept. 5, 7:00 -9:00 pm,
Petaluma Veterans Memorial
Hall, So. Petaluma Blvd.

Board Meeting:
Sept 14, Victoria's home

BRING TO MEETING

- Opportunity quilt tickets
- Money for Barn Quilt Sign raffle
- Money for Monthly Mini
- Fat Quarter Frenzy-**Red and White**
- Block of Month-Bring NEXT MONTH
- Friendship Blocks



*House Opportunity Quilt
Drawing Next Month!
Bring your tickets!*

September Program

Now and Then!

Share with us your quilting journey! Bring your very first quilt (or the earliest one you can find) and one of your most recent and favorite projects. Tell us a bit about your quilting odyssey from your first project to your current work.

September also marks the Guild's 30th anniversary! Be prepared to celebrate! Julie S.

Membership Fees Due in September

Welcome to a new year everyone! September is the month we renew memberships for the year or **if you are joining the guild, we would love to have you fill out a membership form and join us.** The dues are \$40. If you can, please, put the money or check in an envelope with your name on it. It will help the line move faster. We will have envelopes available if you don't have one. The new membership form is available on our website, or we will have them available at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone in September,
Sue Deal and Jan Curtis, Membership Committee

Happy 30th Anniversary Petaluma Quilt Guild

History of the Petaluma Quilt Guild

The Petaluma Quilt Guild was created thirty years ago for humble yet practical reasons. Annie Skilling didn't want to drive to Santa Rosa.

It was 1993 and Annie had four sons and a busy schedule. She felt it was an inconvenience to make the commute to Santa Rosa for that guild's meetings. She discussed the idea of forming a Petaluma guild with her longtime friend MaryAnn Kendall, who said, "If you're really serious about this, I know someone at the newspaper who might print a notice for us."

As it turned out, Dianne Reber and photographer Ron Bass produced a nearly full-page article in the Argus Courier, announcing an initial meeting at Annie's home.

She was shocked when over 35 people showed up. "Wow," she thought, "there really is a call for this," and the Petaluma Quilt Guild was born.

Kathy Matt, who attended that first meeting and who is still a member,

had to sit on the floor, as all the chairs were filled. "People just kept coming," she said. "It was great. The women were really excited to have a group where they all just wanted to quilt."

Early on the group had the support of the Quilted Angel, which helped with quilt shows. At first, Annie said, all the quilting was done by hand.

Community service has always been an integral part of the organization. To date the guild has donated more than 6000 quilts and pillowcases to homeless people residing at COTS. Kids ageing out of foster care and veterans have similarly been supported by the group.

"I'm so proud of the Guild," said Kathy. "Just like the town of Petaluma, we're constantly looking for how we can help. So, we make quilts, and it feels very good to be a part of such a caring organization."

Julie S. Reporter

Committee Reports

For those of you who missed the excellent article about our Guild's charity work for COTS and the Sonoma County Veterans, published in both the Argus Courier and the Press Democrat in June, 2023; you can read it on line (and see all the great photos of Ellie, Jayne and quilts!), at

Petaluma360.com, just search for:

Serving the Community, One Stitch at a Time.

COTS

The creative and colorful quilt tops that have been donated are being turned into extraordinary quilts. Your pillowcases accompany each quilt, and are a favorite with the clients at the shelter. At this time, we need quilt tops that are gender neutral/masculine. They

Monthly Mini-Barn Quilt Sign

Sally A. and JoAnne W.



This beautiful hand painted Barn Quilt will be raffled to one lucky winner at our next meeting, Sept. 5!

should measure 48 x 78, and borders are not required. Thank you so much for supporting this program and the homeless in our community. Ellie

Military Committee

Hello Quilters, August 14, 2023 I delivered 25 quilts and pillow cases to Nation's Finest in Santa Rosa and they support America's military Veterans and their families. Thank you all for your support with this ongoing outreach project. I'm currently out of completed tops to quilt and pass on. There are plenty of kits available from either Nancy L or myself that are ready to sew.

Thank you all, Jayne and Nancy

If you have purchased Barn Quilt tickets and are unable to attend the meeting, be sure to give your tickets to someone who will attend the meeting. Most folks did not put their names on the tickets and there are numbers only.

**Tickets will be available at the September meeting.
They are \$5 each or six for \$20.**

Purchase Tickets at the Monthly Mini table, The Barn Quilt tickets are a separate purchase from the regular Monthly Mini raffle.

President's Message



Greetings,

First off, let me say I'm honored to have been selected to be the President of our Guild for this year. I have been a member, on and off, since 2012 however due to work and family commitments I've never been in the position to serve our guild. As we all know, there are a limited number of members who have kept this guild functioning over the last several years. Thank you - for your dedication, commitment, and effort.

Life changes and now is a good time for me to give back. I retired last year and in January my youngest daughter with special needs moved into her adult home. Freedom - envision me doing a happy dance.

As I think about the future of our guild, like many other guilds, the biggest challenge ahead is growing our membership and attracting the next generation(s). I'd love to hear your ideas on what we might do to enlist more members, especially the younger generation. How can we share our passion with them and invite them to join us in carrying on the wonderful tradition and art of quilting?

I was sharing with a few members recently how much I loved attending our quilt shows. I admit I was an attendee, not a real contributor to all the hard work and planning that does into a show. I understand that in order to have a future quilt show we would need all hands on deck and more hands on deck. If you'd like to see us have a quilt show in the future, please reach out with your suggestions, ideas, and willingness to commit to making it happen.

I look forward to this next year. Let's make it the best yet!

Quilt on! Victoria P.

"Life expands or contracts in proportion to our courage." Anais Nin

Barn Quilts in Petaluma

Although Sonoma County has a long history of agriculture, and many properties with barns, (sometimes, lots of barns), we just never see those beautiful painted barn quilts on their exterior walls. A Barn Quilt is a large (about 8 feet Square) wooden, painted, colorful, quilt block. The chosen block is usually a simple, geometric pieced block (AI, Bard).



These lovely works of art were inspired by the early settlers in the late 1700's and primarily existed

in the Northern, Midwest, states. More recently, this fascinating exhibition of homemade talent has spread to Northern California. Currently there is a Lake County Quilt Trail, and an El Dorado Quilt Trail. Unfortunately, there is no Quilt Trail in Petaluma... However, in a recent search of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) app, Bard on Microsoft's Bing search engine, I learned that the Petaluma Quilt Guild has had workshops regarding how to build a Barn Quilt and Bard recommended for anyone interested in Barn Quilts, they should contact the Petaluma Quilt Guild!!!! We did have a Barn Quilt speaker in July of 2014 but there is no evidence we ever had a workshop. Does anyone know? Perhaps the baby Bard system has not yet learned the difference between a speaker and a workshop?

Fortunately, our Monthly Mini Co-Chairs, Sally A., and JoAnne W., acquired our very own Barn Quilt to auction off as a fund raiser for the Guild. This lovely item is a smaller version of the usual 8 foot square Barn Quilt, but the 24 inch square item will be quite nice hanging on any wall in your sewing room, bathroom,

kitchen, den, living room, etc. Or even on your fence or patio wall. It is a beautiful blue, red, and green pattern that will enhance any décor. The Barn Quilt was a generous anonymous donation to the Guild!

Sharon J.

Happy Birthday!!

Amanda C. 9-2

Sue R. 9-7

Diane C. 9-11

Debby L. 9-20

Laura L. 9-22



Our First PQG Article!!!

Petaluma Quilt Guild Meeting

Minutes – August 1, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. President Debby L. welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jo was absent but Garnet told us two jokes.

Minutes: the minutes were approved as written.

News: Vallejo Piecemakers were present with their Opportunity Quilt. Their drawing is Dec 2. Aime will drop off Guild postcards at Village Sewing.

Ways & Means: Debby L. will be heading up the Ways & Means committee and she has reserved booths at 2 craft fairs this fall. She will be asking for volunteers to take a shift at the craft fairs and to make items for sale. She demonstrated the construction of the bowl cozy that she sent us all in an email this past week. Please use bright/fun fabrics.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn F. thanked the Budget Committee for their work. The budget was accepted without discussion or changes.

Membership: We had 3 guests.

COTS: Ellie reported that 21 quilts were delivered to COTS.

Military: Jayne reported that 23 quilts were delivered to Sonoma County

Veterans. She brought more quilts that need binding.

Business:

New officers: our new slate of officers were sworn in. Thank you all for stepping up for the Guild. President, Victoria P.; Vice President, Membership, Sue D.; Vice President, Programs, Julie S.; Secretary, Shari K.; Treasurer, Becky L.

Block of the Month: Brenda is requesting that people sign out the block packets, so she knows who has them. If you are unable to finish your block, please return the fabric so that the winner can make the block themselves.

Program: Linda Schmidt gave **a great talk and had an amazing trunk show.**

Winners: Block of the Month, Brenda; Attendance, Fran; Nametag, Garnet; Monthly Mini, Victoria; Fat Quarter Frenzy, Laura L.

Show & Tell: Always fun to see people's work.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12.

Amanda C. Recorder

Petaluma Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2023

Debby L, President

Meeting called to order at: 7:07 PM

Board Members present: Debby L, President; Sue D, 1st Vice Present Membership; Julie S, 2nd Vice President Program; Marilyn F, Treasurer; Shari K, Secretary, and incoming Treasurer Becky L. The following members who have served as committee chairs and who have served the PQG this last year also attended and were recognized for their service: Becky L, Jan C, Ellie O, Amanda C, Sally A, Laura L, JoAnn W and Barbara C. Special thanks to all who have served the PQG but were unable to attend.

Approval of the minutes from past meeting – The board did not meet in July.

President: Debby L is stepping down as president, Victoria P has been elected to take her place. Becky L will replace Marilyn F as treasurer. Thanks to Marilyn F and Debby L for their service. Sally A is stepping down from the Monthly Mini, thanks to Sally for her Monthly Mini work.

Secretary: Thanks to Amanda C for preparing the minutes for the August meeting.

Treasurer: Marilyn F provided a treasurer's report and will send a copy of the report by e-mail to members. Marilyn is working with Becky L to transition Becky into the treasurer position. Marilyn asks that all chairs collect

money during the meeting and turn it in consolidated with a deposit form towards the end of the meeting. Monies from various sources need to be kept separate until they are recorded. Thanks for doing this.

Membership: Sue D requested an article in the newsletter to request that those who are renewing their membership place cash or check in the amount of \$40.00 in an envelope with their name on it and submit it at the September meeting to facilitate the collection of dues. Ways to encourage and meet new members were also discussed, including Garnet's role as Mother Hen to take new members under her wing. The updated membership form is available on the PQG website.

Programs: Julie S requested assistance for programs, members suggested presenters and an idea for a program to share tips and tools. The September meeting will be the 30th Anniversary of the Petaluma Quilt Guild. The program will be a show and tell, members are encouraged to bring their first quilt and most recent quilt to Show and Tell. Shari K and Laura L volunteered to bring cupcakes for the event.

Hospitality: Nancy L would like to step down as Hospitality chair, so we need a new person to assume this role.

Board Meeting Minutes (cont)

Ways and Means: Debby L presented ideas for attending craft fairs and hosting a Spring Fling event and the board discussed these opportunities. Laura L is chairing the 2024 opportunity quilt with the drawing taking place in August 2024. The quilt will be displayed at the September meeting.

Newsletter: Sharon J will be doing the newsletter while Amanda C is on vacation.

Cots: Ellie O described how a quilt request list is generated and the quilts provided.

Monthly Mini: The drawing for the Barn Quilt sign will be at the September meeting.

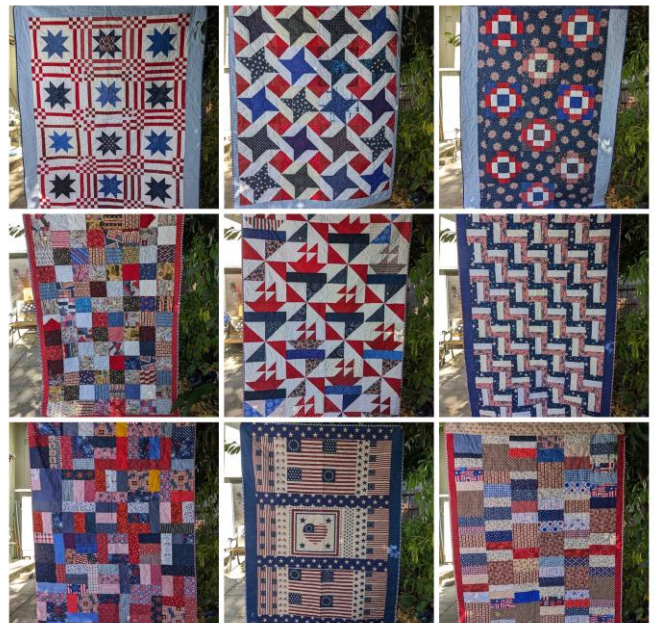
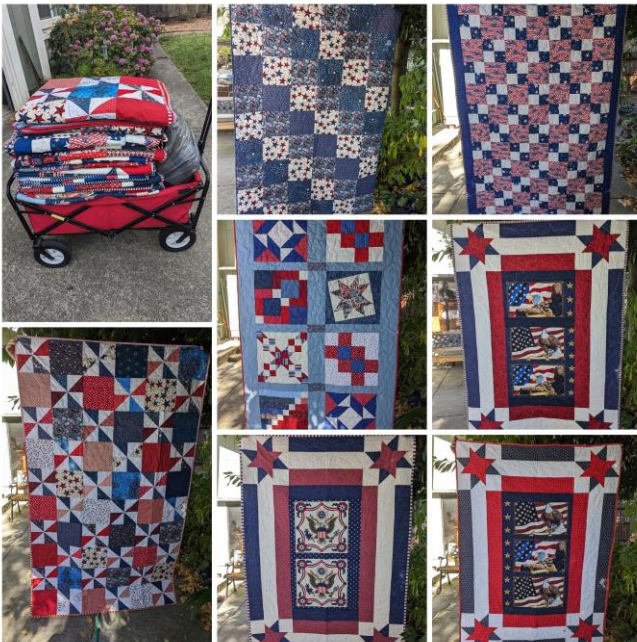
Friendship Blocks: There has been low participation for friendship blocks.

Fat Quarter Frenzy: Fabrics for the September Fat Quarter Frenzy are red and white.

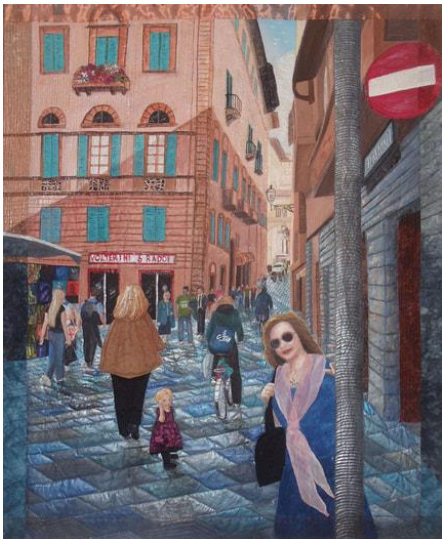
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Respectfully
Submitted, Shari K, Secretary



Military Quilts



Linda Schmidt
August Speaker Photos



Officers

President- Victoria P.
Vice President, Membership- Sue D.
Vice President Programs- Julie S.
Treasurer- Becky L.
Secretary- Shari K.

Committee Chairs

Block of the Month: Brenda B.
Castoff: Laura L.
Friendship Pieced & Applique: Barbara C.
Hospitality: OPEN
Library: OPEN
Military Quilts: Jayne M.
Monthly Mini: OPEN
Mother Hen: Garnet W.
Newsletter: Amanda C.
Opportunity Quilts:
 Houses: OPEN
 Chickens: Laura L.
Quilts for COTS; Ellie O.
Retreats: Debby L.
Ways and Means: Debby L.
Webmasters: Shannon W.S./ Amanda C.

**HELP, Please Consider Volunteering for
OPEN Committee Chair Positions, Contact
Victoria P!**

Thank You Affiliate!

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OF EACH MONTH!!!!**