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# Sew Much News

## PETALUMA QUILT GUILD

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NOVEMBER 2023

### November Program

#### GENERAL MEETING

Nov. 3 7:00 -9:00 pm  
Petaluma Veterans  
Memorial Hall, So.  
Petaluma Blvd.

Board Meeting:, location  
TBA

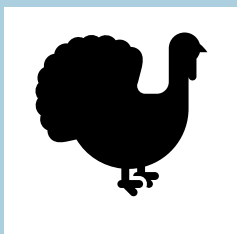
#### BRING TO MEETING

2023 Membership dues

Money for Monthly Mini

Fat Quarter Frenzy-  
**RED**

Block of Month



November's guest speaker is Colleen Richardson, who owns Richardson's Relics and the Doll Mercantile in Petaluma. She has always had a love for dolls, and after 34 years as a school teacher, with a weekend gig selling antiques and dolls with her husband at the local flea market, the two retired and expanded to a fulltime enterprise. They landed eventually at the current location on Bodega Avenue, where she has been for more than 30 years.

The shop is full of amazing antique and vintage quilts, linens, embroidered pieces, clothing and an extensive doll collection, and Colleen also repairs dolls and other toys. She will share some of her most beautiful textile pieces and favorite dolls with us. Bring your purses and shop, Colleen will be offering linens and other items for sale.

To read more about this amazing shop, go to:  
<https://www.dollmercantile.com/> or  
<https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/lifestyle/friends-for-life-a-petaluma-hospital-that-saves-old-toys/>



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## Presidents Message

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Greetings,

As we wrap up our annual membership renewal, I thought it might be helpful to ponder what being a guild “member” entails.

As defined in our bylaws, the Purpose of the Guild is to:

- Preserve the heritage of quilt making.
- To further educate the membership and community in the art of quilt making.
- To contribute to the welfare of the residents of the Petaluma area by providing quilts to people in need.

We fulfill our purpose in many ways including: taking our Opportunity Quilt out into the community, making Military and COTS quilts to warm and comfort, and sponsoring educational and inspiring programs for our members. All of this is possible because of you, our members.

Members are part of a collective entity where individuals join for a common purpose or shared interest. Membership comes with certain rights, privileges, responsibilities, and obligations within that group.

The specific responsibilities of membership in a quilting guild can vary from one guild to another, but there are some common expectations and responsibilities that members are typically asked to fulfill.

1. **Payment of Dues:** Dues help contribute to the costs of running the guild. Currently dues provide approximately 25% of guild expenses.
2. **Regular Attendance:** Consistent attendance helps build a sense of community and camaraderie within the guild.
3. **Participation:** Active participation is encouraged. This involves actively engaging in discussions and activities during meetings, volunteering for guild committees or events, or contributing to community service projects.
4. **Contribution to Show-and-Tell:** Members are encouraged to participate by showcasing their work, discussing their techniques, and providing inspiration to others.
5. **Contribution to Guild Projects:** Members are asked to contribute their time, skills, or materials to these endeavors. This could involve making quilts for charity, making small craft items, promoting the opportunity quilt or participating in a group quilt challenge.
6. **Promotion of the Guild:** Members are expected to help promote the guild and its activities, whether through word-of-mouth, social media, or other means.
7. **Financial Responsibility:** Members are responsible for fundraising or other financial obligations to support guild activities.
8. **Contribution to Leadership:** Members are encouraged to consider taking on leadership roles and responsibilities. It takes a large and diverse team to prevent burn-out and stagnation.

A vibrant sustainable guild requires we all participate in one way or another to support our purpose and each other. Everyone has unique skills, talents, passions that can benefit our guild. Please don't be afraid to share yours!

Quilt on,  
Victoria

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## Board Meeting Minutes

The October board meeting of the Petaluma Quilt Guild met at Victoria Perrault's on October 11, 2023. It was called to order at 4:33pm. The approval from the past meeting was done via email to put in the newsletter.

President - Victoria led a discussion on ways to save money as the guild is operating at a deficit: reducing size of storage unit, having a quiltathon, selling books at meetings, and taking the opportunity quilt more places.

Treasurer - The Treasurer's report was given and will be sent by email. \$70 was made from the fabric sale and \$1,500 from our Opportunity quilt. The deposit is made for Walker Creek Retreat.

Programs - Reimbursement to Alex Byrne given.

Workshop is on March 2nd and signups are needed, cost \$40.

Ways and Means - Signup are needed for the craft fairs. Elks club will allow Opportunity tickets to be sold.

Opportunity Quilt - Laura and Marilyn will coordinate taking the quilt places this year.

Retreat - there are ten overnights so it will happen.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

Sue Deal, substitute secretary

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### Orphan Block Exchange

**Bring your orphan blocks! We will be launching an Orphan Block Quilt Challenge in December, so please donate any and all orphan blocks by bringing them to the October and November meetings. They will be distributed at the holiday party.**

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## Block of the Month

I want to Thank everyone for their patience while I missed a few BOM It takes me roughly 3-5 hours to put a "BOM" together. I am delighted with the response I've received with the members making the blocks and turning them in. That's what makes it all worthwhile. It's been a huge success Thank you for participating! Brenda

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### Quilters for COTS Committee

Quilters for COTS have been busy quilting and binding your creative and colorful quilt tops, and turning them into ready to deliver quilts to the homeless shelter. Your response to our need for children's quilt tops has FILLED our inventory. Thank you.

At this time, we need quilt tops measuring 48x78, borders not required. This size is manageable for the shelter bunk beds.

In September, we delivered 17 quilts and pillowcases to the homeless shelter. As of Oct. 14, 6 more quilts and pillowcases were delivered. Thank you so much for supporting this project and the homeless in our community. Ellie

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### IMPORTANT

**Please remember to pick up your 2024 Opportunity Quilt Tickets from Chairperson, Laura L.**



## PQG Quilting Retreat

We are excited to say that we have the minimum on the Retreat. If you want some information about the retreat, please contact me. We always have so much fun sewing and learning from each other. So, if you're available February 23 to the 25th or any time in between let me know and come out to Walker Creek Ranch.

Debby. [Petaquilt@yahoo.com](mailto:Petaquilt@yahoo.com).

## Craft Fairs

The guild will have a booth at the craft fair at the Elks club at 2105 McDowell Extension in Petaluma on Sunday, November 5. Please come by and see what we have for sale and what other vendors have.

On the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, we are going to be at the Rohnert Park community center once again, making money to keep our guild together. If you have a few hours, please contact Debby and see what time that you can help.

If you are still making things for this event, please bring it to the November meeting. Thank you very, very, much!

Debby

## October Mini Quilt Winners Ellie and Sally



## Opportunity Quilt News

"A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"



The proud winner of the raffle drawing held at our October meeting:  
"It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Quilt"!

## Opportunity Quilt 2024-2025 Committee

If you would like to be on the committee and help choose the second block for the next Opportunity Quilt, make decisions about size, fabrics and possible borders, please give me a call, shoot me an email or talk to me at the November meeting. Thanks, Marilyn F.



## Exciting Borders Workshop

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Perplexed about how to complete your quilt top? Need inspiration for a fabulous finish? Look no further! Join us for a **Dynamic Borders workshop on Saturday, March 4, 2024**. Linda Wagner will spark your imagination and inspire your creative spirit with her fun and fast techniques.

“Borders can just be there or they can be what defines your quilt and gives it real visual impact. Do not settle for the quick and dirty. A little extra piecing can create tremendous attention-getting results,” she says.

The class focuses on a simple block, with six variations, and methods to fit them to any size quilt. Start with the samples from class, then move on to your own quilt top.

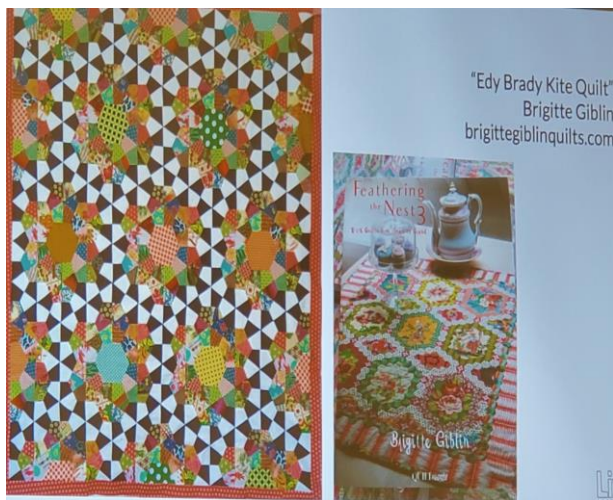
A class fee of \$40 includes a set of black and white strips you will need, which you will add to the fabrics you bring. Workshop will be held from 9:30-4:00 pm in Rohnert Park.

Sign up at the November and December meetings (please bring a check or cash) or contact [julie@olivopolis.com](mailto:julie@olivopolis.com)



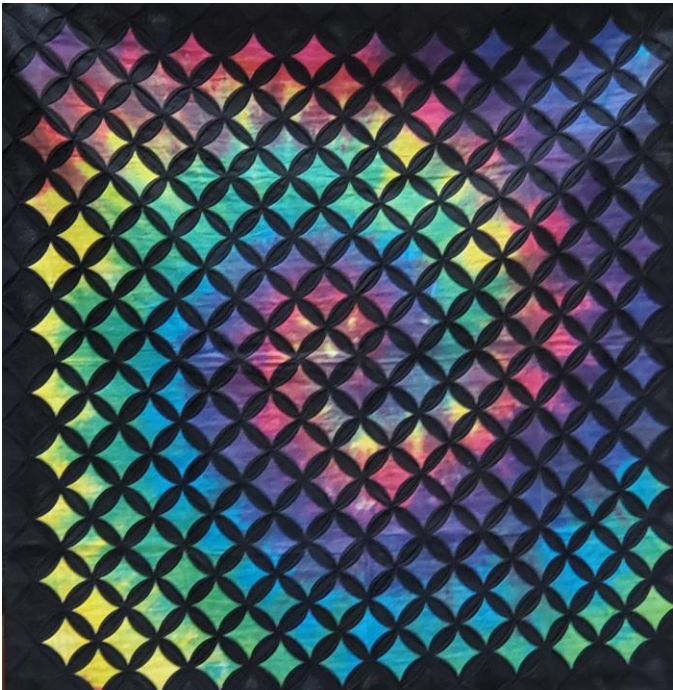


October Speaker  
Alex Byrne Photos





Members Show and Tell





Happy November Birthdays!!

Barbara C.	Nov. 2
Jo H.	Nov 14
Sharon J.	Nov 23
Kerstin S.	Nov. 30
Gayle S.	Nov. 30

Officers

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

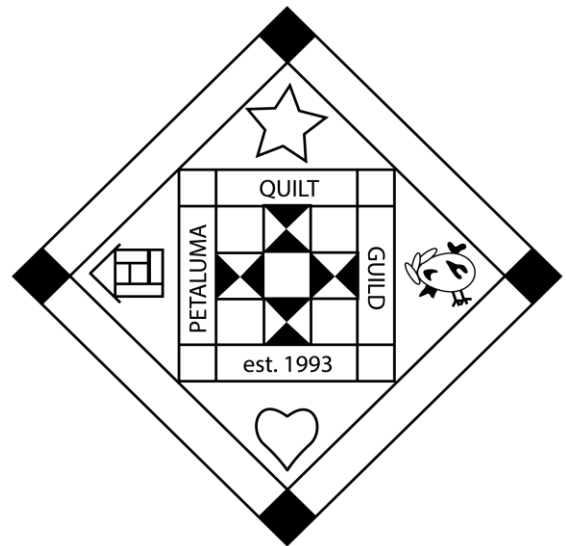
Committee Chairs

Block of the Month: Brenda B.  
Castoff: Laura L.  
Hospitality: Barbara C.  
Library: OPEN  
Military Quilts: Jayne M.  
Monthly Mini: Debby L.  
Mother Hen: Garnet W.  
Newsletter: Amanda C.  
Opportunity Quilts:  
2024: Laura L  
2025: Marilyn F.  
Quilts for COTS; Ellie O.  
Retreats: Debby L.  
Ways and Means: Debby L.  
Webmasters: Shannon W.S./  
Amanda

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