



NEWSLETTER

Next meeting Dec 5



DON'T FORGET:

- Block of the Month
- Fat Quarter Frenzy - Batik
- Potluck Offering
- Craft Supplies
- **LAST MONTH FOR DUES**
- Orphan Block for Challenge
- If you signed up for the **Borders workshop in March**, please bring your payment to secure your spot: \$40 cash, or a check made out to Petaluma Quilt Guild.

There is a lot going on at our gathering on December 5. We are planning a holiday potluck, so

please bring an appetite and a favorite dish.

Last name A-L – please bring a savory dish

Last name M-Z – please bring a sweet offering

We will be creating fun and easy holiday cards.

There is no sewing involved, but please bring festive fabric scraps, trim, bling, rhinestones and other accessories, along with your scissors, and if you have it, fabric or craft glue (we will provide one tube for each table of six).

Cards and card stock will be provided, enough for two cards each.

Orphan quilt challenge distribution – grab a bag and join the fun! Bring your creation to the March meeting for voting and cash prizes!

See you soon!



President's Message

Greetings,

The holiday season is upon us and it is so easy to become overwhelmed and exhausted tackling all of the to-dos on our perpetual lists. As I gain "wisdom" (aka age) the holidays are less about the perfect meal, gift or decorated house and more about making memories with family and friends.

Making memories is like creating a treasure trove of experiences that we can revisit whenever we want. Whether it's through adventures, meaningful conversations, laughter-filled moments, or quiet reflections, these memories shape who we are and carry the essence of our lives.

Making memories is crucial because they serve as the building blocks of our lives. Here's some reasons why they're so important:

□ **Connection:** Memories are often tied to experiences shared with loved ones, fostering stronger bonds and connections. They create a sense of belonging and togetherness.

□ **Emotional Anchors:** They anchor emotions to moments, allowing us to recall feelings of joy, love, or comfort when we need them most.

□ **Personal Growth:** Memories, especially those from challenging experiences, contribute to personal growth and resilience. They teach us lessons and shape our perspectives.

□ **Storytelling:** Memories become stories we share, passing down traditions, values, and knowledge to future generations, enriching our cultural heritage.

□ **Gratitude and Happiness:** Reflecting on positive memories can evoke gratitude, increase happiness, and remind us of the beauty in life, even during tough times.

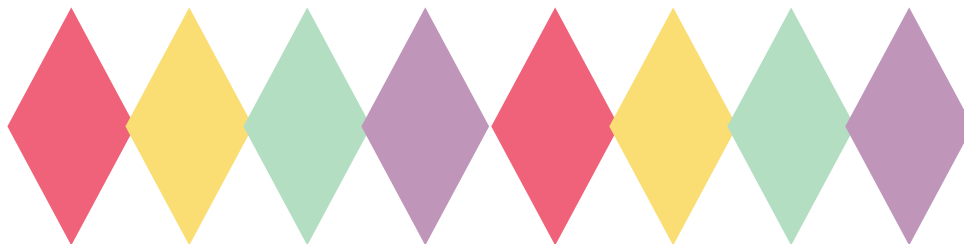
□ **Identity and Self-Reflection:** Memories contribute to our identity, shaping who we are and helping us reflect on our journey and aspirations.

□ **Preservation of Moments:** Memories freeze moments in time, allowing us to revisit and cherish them, creating a tapestry of experiences that make our lives meaningful.

Ultimately, making memories is about living fully, embracing experiences, and savoring the richness of life. What memories are you hoping to create this holiday season?

Wishing you a holiday season filled with love, laughter and joyful memories.

Victoria



Petaluma Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2023

Although Jo was unable to attend the meeting, she sent a joke.

Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Julie S.

Minutes of the October 3, 2023 General Meeting – a motion and second were made to approve the minutes as circulated in the October Newsletter. All in favor voted aye, with no nay votes.

President's News – Julie S chaired the meeting in Victoria's absence. Sue D is still collecting annual dues of \$40.00 please be sure and pay your dues by December. After a discussion with the Veteran's Center regarding the poor lighting outside of the entry door for the PQG meeting, the janitor has agreed to let those attending the meeting enter by the door adjacent to the handicap parking. This area is well lit. Those attending the meeting can go through this entry and go through to the meeting room.

Opportunity Quilt – Raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt were sold at the Elks Club Craft Show on Sunday, November 5. \$200 in tickets were sold at this event.

Treasurer's Report – Becky L sent the Treasurer's report via e-mail to members.

Membership – Sue D reported that 30 members and one visitor were present at the meeting.

Ways and Means – The Elks Club Craft Show on November 5 made \$775 in sales. With the additional \$200 from the Opportunity Quilt, the total was \$975! Thanks to Debby L for her hard work and for those who either contributed items or worked this craft show. Debby indicated that she needs more bowl cozies, table runners and pot holders to sell. Items made with sports fabric are especially popular. Please let Debby know if you have made any items for the craft shows coming later this month and in December, so she can get them from you. Debby still needs people to work the Rohnert Park craft show November 24 and 25. Please contact her to let her know if you can work.

Amanda C will take the Opportunity Quilt to the Windsor Craft Fair on December 10.

Monthly Mini– No monthly mini this month.

Fat Quarter Frenzy – Jan C won the red fat quarters. Congratulations Jan! Fat quarters for December will be batiks.

Block of the Month – There was no block of the month. You can turn in your pinwheel blocks in December.

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COTS– Ellie O reported that 9 quilts and pillowcases were donated to COTS last month. Ellie has new quilt and pillowcase packets. She needs more 48 X 78 tops, especially those that are gender neutral or for men. Since 1993, 6128 quilts have been made for COTS. Great work!

Military Quilts – Jayne M reported that she visited Moonlighters to share information about the military quilts. Fourteen Moonlighters took quilt packets to make. Jayne has cut 92 kits since last June. She will take fabric donations for quilts, preferably red, white and blue. She has plenty of kits for quilt tops and pillowcases for members to make. Jayne had several quilts that needed binding. For those who took these quilts, please be sure to return by the December meeting as they are for Christmas gifts. Thank you Jayne for all your hard work making the military quilts.

Program – Julie S provided an update on the Borders Workshop that will be held on Saturday, March 2 at the Rancho Grande Community Center at 5099 Snyder LN in Rohnert Park. The workshop will cost \$40.00 which includes a black and white fabric kit specific to this workshop. Julie announced that we have enough people signed up to have the workshop, but if you have not signed up and are interested, contact Julie S. Signups will continue through the end of the year. Details of the workshop topic can be found at

<https://www.addquilter.com/classes-detail.php?ID=8>

The **Program** for December will be a holiday card making project. The PQG will provide tri-fold cards. Please bring pieces of Christmas fabric, embellishments like ribbon, rhinestones, buttons, and other bling. Also bring scissors and craft or fabric glue. Julie will distribute the orphan blocks project at the December meeting along with the instructions for this project.

Please bring a Savory or a Sweet to the December meeting to share. **Last names A–L please bring a Savory appetizer and M–Z bring a Sweet dish.** Plates and napkins will be provided.

Speaker – Julie S introduced the speaker, Colleen Richardson. Colleen shared her experiences with Richardson's Relics and the Doll Mercantile. She showed amazing vintage quilts from her store as well as her personal collection.

Congratulations to the winners of the Membership Prizes!

Name Tag Winner – Laura L

Attendance Winner – Melissa H

Show and Tell – Members shared their quilts and dolls.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Shari K., PQG Secretary



Dec 10th Craft Fair

Friends of Sonoma County Animal Shelter are hosting a new craft fair in Windsor. I will be featuring the Opportunity Quilt and a few craft items.

There will be crafts for kids & pets are welcome too.

Paws for Love will be doing paw painting

10 – 3pm

Windsor Grange

9161 Starr Rd Windsor

Any ? ask Amanda C



Quilts for COTS

Quilts for COTS delivered 9 quilts and pillowcases in the month of Oct. to the homeless shelter. We are in need of

Adult quilt tops that are gender neutral or masculine – themed. The size is 48 x 78, and borders are not required.

Since 1993 when this committee was formed, 6128 quilts have been donated.

Thank you. Happy Holidays.

Ellie



December Birthdays

Sue D – Dec 2

Joanne W – Dec 4

JoAn T – Dec 8

Alexine S – Dec 13

Julie S – Dec 16

Denise R – Dec 30

Craft Fair Report

First of all, I want to thank all of you who helped at the Elks Club and the future Rohnert Park community center (more on that later). At the Elks Club we were able to display our Opportunity Quilt and made about \$200. Our craft items raised around \$800. On 16th Sue D took the Opp Quilt to the Santa Rosa Day Guild and sold \$128 worth of tickets.

Later that night Sue and I took items to a craft fair at the Petaluma Woman Club and sold another \$220 worth of items. So the Guild made about \$1000 in items sales and \$338 in Opportunity quilt tickets.

So that's a **BIG BIG THANKS**
FOR ALL THE SEWERS AND CRAFT MAKERS

Debby L
Ways n Means Chair

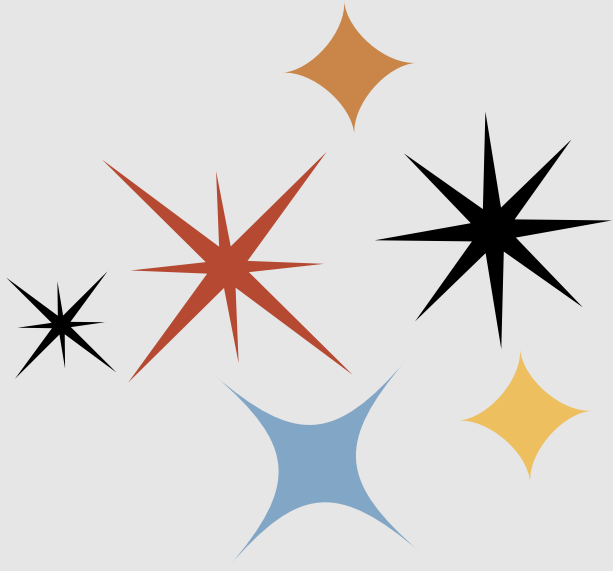


Elks Club Booth



**Women's Club
Booth**





Retreat is Back. Feb 23-25

2 PM Friday to 4 PM Sunday

Walker Creek Ranch.

Great lighted sewing room and spacious 2-3- in a room lodging.

We have been going for over 20 years. Walker Creek is about 15 minutes away from Petaluma.

Cost of event

Full weekend starts with dinner Friday, Breakfast lunch, dinner, Saturday

Breakfast and lunch Sunday and two nights lodging **\$330.**

One night lodging **\$109.**

Day use is **\$35** (If no lodging come for the day)

Breakfast **\$22** 8AM

Lunch **\$24** 12PM

Dinner **\$29** 6 PM

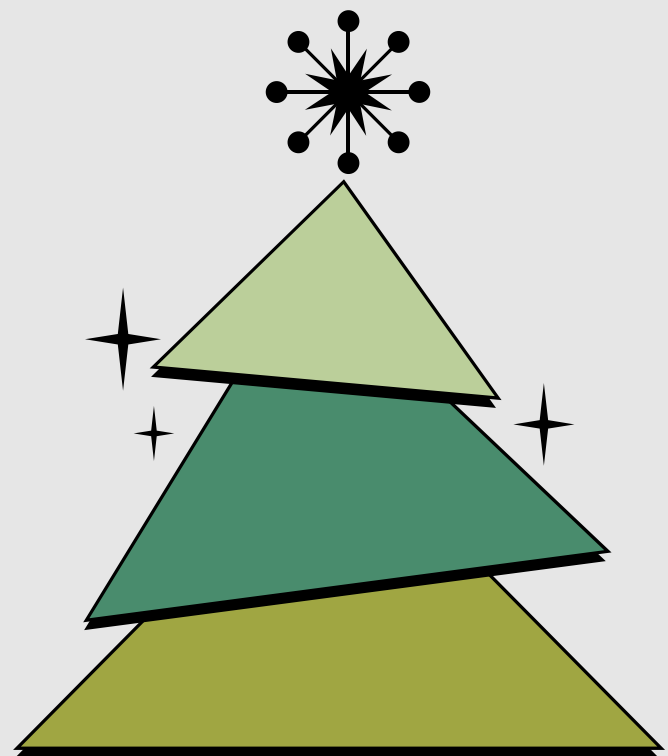
If interested please contact Debby L

Military Quilt Update

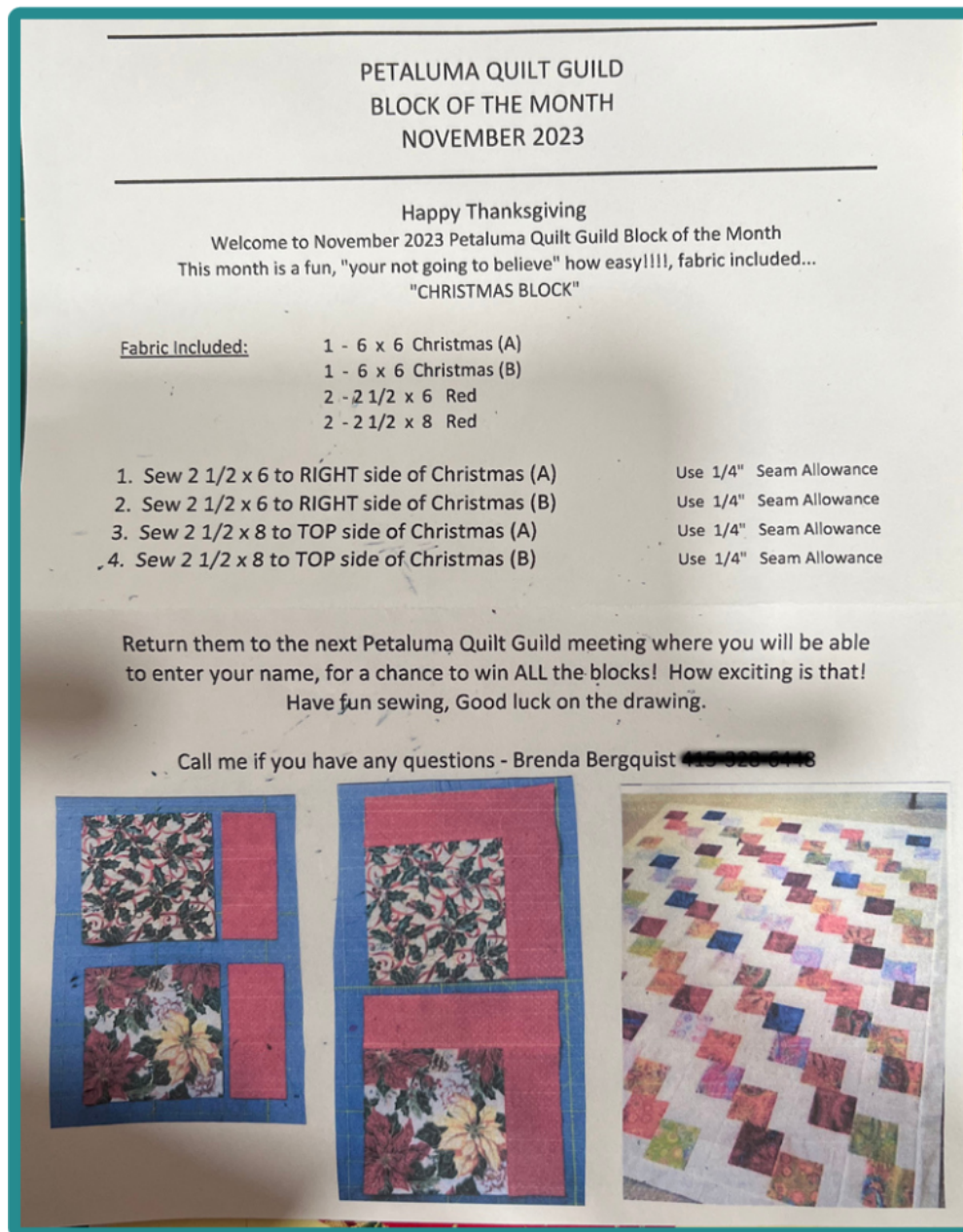
Hello quilters. I'd like to thank all of you for helping make the Veteran quilts. I have donated 36 so far this year and without your help and dedication it would not have been possible. I have recently cut 35 more kits with different patterns. So far since summer 2022 I have cut 95 kits. I finally see a dent in the military fabric.

With your help I hope to donate a few more this year. I'm reaching for a higher number of donated quilts for 2024, we can do it!

Thank you. Jayne M. and Nancy L.



Block of the Month



Hello everyone

I'm so sorry I dropped the ball and did not bring the BOM to the November meeting. I was planning to attend I made all the kits but fell ill that night and had a flight in the early morning thought it would be best to rest I would love to mail the block kits to anyone interested. It's a great Christmas Block. Perfect for our December meeting. That was the original plan...

Please text or email and let me know how many you would like and I will mail them out to you ASAP. We still have time to make and bring to the December meeting

Thank you for your patience and understanding – Brenda D.

Colleen Richardson's Talk



Officers

- Victoria P – President
- Sue D – VP Membership
- Julie S – VP Programs
- Becky S – Treasurer
- Shari K – Secretary

Committee Chairs

Block of the Month – Brenda B
 Castoff Table – Laura L
 Hospitality – Barbara C
 Library – OPEN
 Military Quilts – Jayne M
 Monthly Mini – Debby L
 Mother Hen – Garnet W
 Newsletter – Amanda C
 Opp Quilt 2024 – Laura L
 Opp Quilt 2025 – Marilyn F
 Quilts for COTS – Ellie O
 Retreats – Debby L
 Ways & Means – Debby L
 Webmasters – Shannon
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