



# NEWSLETTER

## *Next meeting Jan 2*



Our January guest speaker is Anelie Belden, who will present her "Dresden Dance" trunk show. Anelie sewed clothing before she started quilting, and has a degree in Fashion Design. While working in fashion she developed a passion for quilting, and the Dresden pattern in particular. Her collection of quilts represents traditional Dresdens from years ago, as well as her own Thoroughly Modern Dresden designs, which feature an accurate piecing technique she developed.

### DON'T FORGET:

- Block of the Month
- Fat Quarter Frenzy -
- Money for Monthly Mini
- There are still spaces in the **Borders workshop in March**, Please bring your payment to secure your spot: \$40 cash, or a check made out to Petaluma Quilt Guild. The \$40 fee covers the 6-hour class plus a set of 40 B&W fabric strips. The class takes place from 9:30-4:00 at the Rancho Grande Community Center at 5099 Snyder Lane in Rohnert Park. [More workshop details](#)



# *President's Message*

Greetings,

Wishing you holidays filled with the exact moments you've longed for. In our diverse lives, each of us treasures unique aspirations and dreams for our time on this incredible planet.

As we approach the year's end, thoughts naturally turn to the horizon of the coming year. I've discovered that when approached intentionally, our hopes have a greater chance of blossoming into reality.

Amidst the post-holiday rush, carve out some time for serene contemplation. It's the perfect time for intention-setting!

Here's to a fresh, unwritten chapter awaiting our pen strokes! 🎉 Just like wizards weaving spells, let's pen our wishes, transforming them into radiant beacons guiding our way.

Let's chart our year with the curiosity of explorers and the determination of trailblazers.

Whether we're chasing dreams that sparkle like constellations or finding joy in life's everyday melodies, let's craft intentions that gleam with purpose and dance to the rhythm of our hearts.

Let's dream expansively, laugh freely, and embrace every twist and turn this year's adventure brings.

Here's to setting intentions that invite us to dance in the rain, to laugh as if unseen, and to shine as brightly as the stars above.

Let's sprinkle kindness like confetti, pursue our ambitions with fervor, and relish each moment as if it were the sweetest gift in the cosmos.

Cheers to the extraordinary journey ahead—may your intentions be daring, your heart brimming, and your spirit unyielding! ✨🌟

Victoria

# Petaluma Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023

**Call Meeting to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM by Victoria. Minutes of the November 7, 2023 General Meeting – a motion and second were made to approve the minutes as circulated in the November Newsletter. All in favor voted aye, with no nay votes.

**President's News** – Don't forget to follow the Petaluma Quilt Guild on Facebook.

**Opportunity Quilt** – Sue D reported \$130 in raffle tickets were sold at Santa Rosa Quilt Guild meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Look for the Treasurer's report via email.

**Membership** – Sue D reported that 28 members were present at the meeting. Two visitors from the Carquinez Strait Stitchers were present to sell raffle tickets for their Opportunity Quilt.

**Ways and Means** – Debby L reported that we were AWESOME at the craft fairs. We had many donations that sold well, especially hot pads and cozies. We made \$721 at the Elks Club, \$220 at the Women's Club, and \$991 at the Rohnert Park Craft Faire. Thanks to Debby and all who contributed items and worked the booths at the craft fairs.

**Retreat** – Information on the Retreat is in the December Newsletter. The Retreat will be February 23-25 at Walker Creek Ranch. There is still room for more participants! Contact Debby L.

**Sewcial** – Debby L has a committee working on the Sewcial for the spring.

**Monthly Mini**– There were two monthly minis – a holiday table runner and a set of two mini quilts. Congratulations to Jane H who won the mini quilts and Barbara C who won the table runner!!

**Fat Quarter Frenzy** – No fat quarter frenzy this month.

**Block of the Month** – There was no block of the month.

**COTS**– Ellie O reported that 21 quilts and pillowcases were donated to COTS last month. Since it is getting cold, there is more demand for the quilts so please take a kit to make a quilt.

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**Military Quilts** – Jayne M displayed a military quilt that has backing from fabric donated to the Cast Off table. Don't forget the military quilts when you have fabric to donate! Jayne has lots of new quilt kits, so grab one to make.

**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>**

Julie distributed orphan blocks project along with the instructions for this project. Each bag had a clever name for the blocks with instructions for the quilt. The quilts will be displayed at the March meeting.

The program was a card making project. Members made beautiful holiday cards with some donated to the upcoming craft fair. A good time was had by all. Great sweet and savory snacks were provided by members. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for their work on refreshments.

Congratulations to the winners of the Membership Prizes!

Name Tag Winner –Gigi

Attendance Winner – Kathy M

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Shari K., PQG Secretary



## Quilts for COTS

On Dec. 12, we delivered 10 quilts and pillowcases to the **Voices Project**. This is a Sonoma County organization that cares for young adults who have aged out of Foster care, and have nothing to start a new life. We have been working with this group for several years.

The homeless shelter received 7 quilts and pillowcases between Dec. 1 and Dec. 15.

We have an ongoing need for quilt tops that are gender neutral or masculine in theme. The size should be approx. 48 x 78 (borders are not required). Thank you for supporting this project and the homeless in our community. HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
Ellie



## January Birthdays

Garnet – Jan 3

Jayne – Jan 9

Gigi – Jan 19

Becky L – Jan 24

Sally A – Jan 26

Linda J – Jan 30





## Craft Fair Report

Amanda and Marilyn took the Opportunity Quilt and a table full of craft items to a new craft fair in Windsor put on by Friends of the Sonoma County Animal Shelter. It was a busy day with the Grinch AND Santa. Thanks to everyone that contributed to the craft fair and quilt.



## *Affiliates*





## 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 this past  
years. I will have more packages and  
binding to share after the holidays.  
Thank you. Jayne M. and Nancy L.

**2024**

# 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.



# Board Meeting Minutes

Victoria P, President called meeting to order at: 5:40 PM on Dec 21, 2023

Board Members present: Victoria P, President; Sue D, 1st Vice Present Membership; Julie S, 2nd Vice President Program; Becky L, Treasurer; Shari K, Secretary and Marilyn F, past treasurer.

Approval of the minutes from past meeting – The PQG Board did not meet in November

President: The board discussed the PQG finances and ideas to decrease expenses and increase revenue. Victoria suggested that anyone can donate to the PQG and get a tax deduction.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Becky reported checks written for payments of invoices. Becky will be gone for a few weeks, so Marilyn will submit payments, and complete required end of year paperwork, including the raffle permit. Amanda C completed a review of finances for the 2023 fiscal year.

Membership: Sue D stated that the PQG has 58 paid members for 2024, down two from last year. The Board discussed ways to increase membership.

Programs: Julie S described the programs she has arranged for January through April 2024. Fifteen members have signed up, with 11 paid for the March 2 Border Workshop.

Other Business:

Retreat: Debby L sent a report that there are enough signed up to have the PQG Retreat February 23–25 at Walker Ranch. A deposit has been made to Walker Ranch. Debby will send an email to those who have signed up to send money by the end of January for the retreat. She also reported that she is looking for volunteers to help with the spring fling.

Ways and Means: The Windsor Craft Faire made about \$51 in Opportunity Quilt Raffle tickets and \$173 in craft sales.

Feb Board Meeting: PQG Board meeting will be February 8 at 4:30 PM at the home of Victoria P.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Respectfully Submitted, Shari K, Secretary



# Military Quilt Roundup







## ***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  
 WS/Amanda



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**THE 15TH OF EACH**  
**MONTH!!!!**

**HAPPY**  
*New Year*



