



# NEWSLETTER

## *Next meeting March 5*



Our March speaker is Julia McLeod, who will take us on a journey as she rescues old quilts and linens and repurposes them into modern pieces to be used and enjoyed. Most of have vintage pieces that are worn out, stained or out of vogue. Julia will walk us through how she rescued several old pieces and turned them into new, viable quilts.

We will also have the finale and voting for our Orphan Block challenge. Bring your finished or unfinished pieces to share and vote for your favorite!

### **DON'T FORGET:**

- Block of the Month
- Fat Quarter Frenzy -
- Money for Monthly Mini Raffle
- Orphan Block Challenge



**Julia McLeod**

## *President's Message*

Victoria is not feeling well so there is no President's Letter

# Petaluma Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes

## February 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at: 4:45 PM

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

Approval of the minutes from past meeting – The PQG Board did not meet in December or January.

**President:** The board discussed the PQG finances and current fundraising.

**Secretary:** Shari K will send the current list of members to all members by email.

**Treasurer:** Marilyn is working on reconciling bank statement with the financial software. She received the raffle permit and will tape it in the cash box. The storage unit has been paid through September 15.

**Membership:** No report.

**Programs:** Julie S described the programs she has arranged for March through August and provided a draft of the program budget. The board discussed offering members the opportunity to sponsor a speaker by paying the speaker fee and/or hosting the speaker for dinner and overnight when needed.

**Other Business:**

**Retreat:** Debby L is unable to attend the retreat due to knee surgery but Marilyn F and Marina W coordinate in her absence.

**Ways and Means:** We will not participate in the Elk Club Christmas in April event due to the conflict with the Spring Fiesta Sewcial on April 27.

**March Board Meeting:** The March board meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Shari K, Secretary



# Petaluma Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024

**Call Meeting to Order** –The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Victoria P.  
**Minutes of the Jan 2, 2024 General Meeting** – a motion and second were made to approve the minutes as circulated in the February Newsletter. All in favor voted aye, with no nay votes.

**President's News** – Jo was unable to attend the meeting, but sent her best and will be back next month. Welcome to the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild, they are displaying their opportunity quilt and are selling raffle tickets for it. There were also two visitors from Novato, Karen and Devon. Thanks to Amanda for a great February Newsletter. Victoria asked for a show of hands for each different kind of quilter described in the Newsletter. Victoria intended to do a financial check in, but the information is not ready yet. Great to see posts on Facebook to boost the online presence of the PQG. Amie C is interested in setting up a monthly quilting get together, more information later.

**Treasurer's Report** –Marilyn F reported that she has completed the raffle report and applied for the 2024 raffle permit. She has also filed the PQG registration renewal and annual treasurer's report. She is working on reconciling bank statements.

**Opportunity Quilt**– Marilyn F and Sally A have agreed chair the 2024/25 Opportunity Quilt. Thanks to Marilyn for taking on another PQG project and also to Sally for volunteering.

**Membership** – Sue D reported that 32 members were present at the meeting. There were two guests in addition to the two visiting members of the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild

**Ways and Means** – Debby L reported that the Spring Sewcial will be April 27 and the Elks Club Christmas in April event is this same weekend, Everyone agreed that two events at the same time was not feasible and voted not to participate in the Elks Club event.

**Retreat** – Marina W will be taking over the retreat February 23–25 at Walker Creek Ranch as Debby L is having knee surgery. Marilyn F will assist. Members who will be attending the retreat need to send in their check to Debby.

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**Sewcial** – Debby L announced that the sewcial will be a Spring Fiesta on April 27 in Rohnert Park. Garnet and Melissa H are working with Debby on this event. There will be baskets, door prizes, quilt blocks to make, a fabric sale, cookies, and tea, bring your own lunch. There will be 24 tables for machine sewing with additional tables for hand sewing. Debby L has sign up sheets for the event, contact her if you are planning to attend. The two Santa Rosa Guilds will be invited to participate.

**Monthly Mini**– There were two monthly minis won by Debby L and Francesca H.

**Fat Quarter Frenzy** – Becky L won the Batik Fat Quarters. The fat quarters for March will be dogs and cats.

**Block of the Month** – Melissa H provided instructions for heart blocks and encouraged everyone to make one or more blocks and bring them to the March meeting.

**COTS**– Ellie O reported that 20 quilts with pillowcases were donated to the COTS shelter last month.

**Military Quilts** – Jayne M brought 14 military quilts for members to bind and also brought quilt kits.

**Program** –Julie S reported that the borders workshop on Saturday, March 7 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Rancho Grande Community Clubhouse is full, with two people who still need to pay. Julie will send out a list of fabric and supplies needed for the workshop. Julie reminded everyone to complete your orphan block quilt and bring it to the March meeting. There will be cash prizes for winners. The speaker for March is Julie McLeod, her talk is entitled “Rescue Me”. Julie also shared a great line up of speakers including Letitia Chung in April and Sue Fox in May.

The program this month was Quilt Love – sharing our quilts. Members shared the most favorite quilt they ever made and a quilt they made that was someone else’s favorite.

Congratulations to the winner of the Membership Prizes! (Another double winner!)

**Name Tag Winner & Attendance Winner** – JoAnne W

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Shari K., PQG Secretary

## Quilts for COTS

As of Feb. 15, your beautiful pillowcases and quilt tops enabled us to deliver 11 quilts and pillowcases to the Mary Isaak Homeless Center. The residents send their thanks. There is a continuing need for pillowcases (a great stash buster), and quilt tops that are gender neutral/masculine, that measure approx. 48x78". Borders are not required. We thank you for your continued support of this project. Ellie



### March Birthdays

Linda G – March 6

Eva C – March 10

Dolores C – March 15

Julie F – March 26



# Block of the Month

Please make an 8" square with a white (white on white, muslin) background and a heart in the pink or red family. The pattern is downloadable on the website.

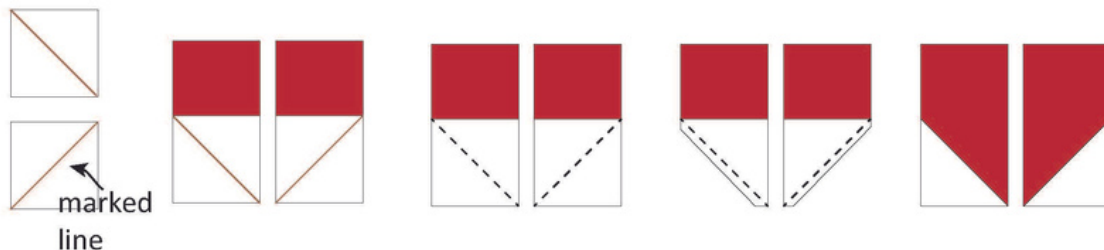
## Heart Block Pattern



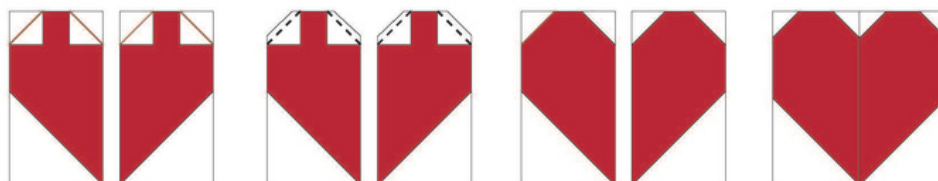
1. Cut the fabric pieces from the table below for the size of block you are making. You should have 2 print strips, 2 large background squares, and 4 small background squares to make one heart block.

| Finished size of blocks | Print fabrics<br>(Cut 2) | Background Square<br>(Cut 2) | Background Square<br>(Cut 4) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4" square               | 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"          | 2 1/2"                       | 1"                           |
| 5" square               | 3" x 5 1/2"              | 3"                           | 1 1/8"                       |
| 6" square               | 3 1/2" x 6 1/2"          | 3 1/2"                       | 1 1/4"                       |
| 7" square               | 4" x 7 1/2"              | 4"                           | 1 3/8"                       |
| 8" square               | 4 1/2" x 8 1/2"          | 4 1/2"                       | 1 1/2"                       |
| 9" square               | 5" x 9 1/2"              | 5"                           | 1 3/4"                       |
| 10" square              | 5 1/2" X 10 1/2"         | 5 1/2"                       | 2"                           |

2. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of both large background squares from corner to corner. Place the large squares on the bottom of the print strips right sides together, with the marked lines as shown. Sew on the lines. Trim the corners leaving 1/4", and press the seams open.



3. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each background small square. Place the squares on the top of the print strips right sides together, with the marked lines as shown below. Sew on the lines, trim the corners leaving 1/4", and press seams open.



4. Sew the two halves of the heart block right sides together. Press seam open. Keep in mind that your unfinished heart block in step 4, will be 1/2" larger than the finished block size in the table above. The finished size is the size after a quilt block is sewn into the quilt.

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## Military Quilt News

Hello Quilters, I want to thank you all who took quilts to bind at the February meeting and also kits to sew. This outreach to our veterans could not happen without a village. Petaluma Quilt Guild has been a huge support to our outreach programs and the quilts are always appreciated. At our March meeting I hope to have some pillowcase kits to sew. I currently only have 12 pillowcases and will have 24 quilts done after the binding quilts are returned. If you have fabric on hand that is in the red, white or blue family and want to thin out your stash, donations are always welcome and better yet a finished pillowcase would be awesome. Thank you all for your support. Jayne and Nancy

## *Affiliates*



## Spring Fiesta - April 27. 2024

Hello Members,

Some of you might of heard in the last newsletter that the Guild is hosting an event April 27 from 10-3. It is a fundraiser plus a sewocial event. We have invited the Moonlighters and Day Guild to join us. PLEASE BRING QUALITY ITEMS FOR THE BASKETS TO THE GUILD MEETING IN MARCH AND APRIL. GIVE THEM TO BRENDA. Thank You

We will have a sign up sheet for helpers at the meeting in March and April. A few people to help set up, check in, basket raffle tickets and other tasks.

If you are interested to go or have questions, PLEASE email me at [petaquilt@yahoo.com](mailto:petaquilt@yahoo.com) (Debby)

We got a great response from the Moonlight Guild and will find out soon about the Day Guild.

**The block directions are on the following pages AND the website!**

Thank you,  
The Committee

Melissa H, Garnet W, Brenda D. and Debby L

Remember... if you don't think it is quality then please think if someone else would want it.

**Here is our wish list:**

**Large Baskets** for the raffle.

**Fabric** - Full large pieces please (This means no pieces that have been cut into) both for the Fabric Sale and the Baskets.

To fill the Baskets we need Books. Notions Patterns Or Thread  
Fun Quilt related items .....and/or a fancy Spa Day or Pamper items.  
Sports, Baby Theme, 4th of July or Summer Fun.

**Cookies** to share.





## Friendship Star for April Fiesta of Quilting

9.5" finished square

### Cutting instructions:

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| White fabric (A)  | Four 3.5" squares                      |
|                   | Two 4.25" squares                      |
| Center bright (E) | One 3.5" square                        |
| Random Brights    | Five or so 1.5" strips width of fabric |

### Piecing instructions:

1. Make your two string blocks (see attached).
2. Make Half-Square Triangle (HST) units with the large (4.25") white squares and the two String blocks to make 4 total HST units. Be sure to place the diagonal sewing/cutting line perpendicular to the strings. (If you don't, the star is still gorgeous, no sweating here!)
3. Lay out and put together as below.

Figure 1

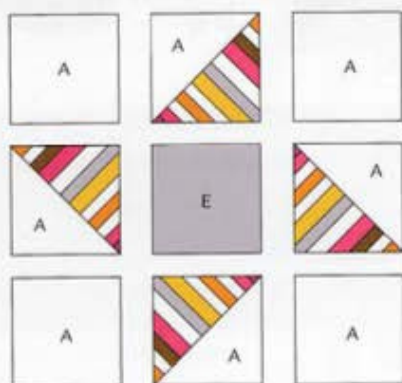


Figure 2

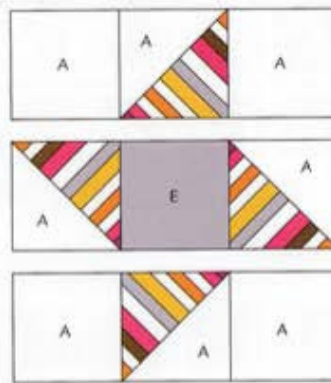
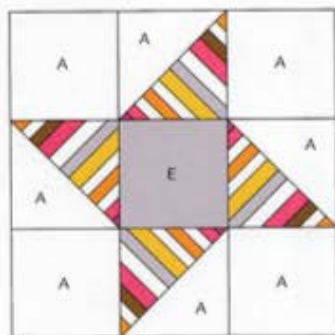


Figure 3



# Strings

Traditionally, String blocks are thought to be a standalone block. Using them as components of other quilt blocks, however, makes them more fun. You can use this technique to jazz up a lot of traditional quilt blocks.

Note: Adjust the stitch length of your machine to a very small stitch, such as 1.3, to help perforate the paper.



**1** Cut computer or notebook paper down to the needed size, which includes  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) on all sides for seam allowances. Find the diagonal of the square by folding or marking the line.



**2** The String blocks in this book are made from 1" x width-of-fabric (wof) (2.5cm x wof) strips or 1" (2.5cm) wide scraps. The strings are not precut to given lengths to allow you some creative freedom. Choose each string color as you desire. Just make sure that the string length is longer than the paper square by at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) on either side.



**3** Lay the first string right-side up on the diagonal. Pin it in place or use a small piece of double-sided tape between the fabric strip and the paper to keep it in place.



**4** Place another string, right-side down on top of the first string. Sew the strips together with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) seam, sewing through all 3 layers.



**5** Press the second strip open.



**6** Lay another string (the third) right-side down on top of the second string. Sew the strips together with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) seam, sewing through all 3 layers again.



**7** Press the third strip open.



**8** Continue sewing strips and pressing them open until you cover the corner of the paper. Go back and work the left side of the block, laying strips on the other side of the first strip and working outward.



**9** Trim the overlapping strips using the paper square as your guide.



**10** Do not remove the paper from the back of the String block until you have finished sewing it into one of the sampler quilt blocks. This will prevent stretching and distortion due to exposed bias edges.





## ***Officers***

- Victoria P – President
- Sue D – VP Membership
- Julie S – VP Programs
- Marilyn F – 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 – Amanda



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