



NEWSLETTER

6 pm
Start
Time!!

Next meeting November 4



Claudia Shearer will be presenting her lecture –Color Stories. This will be a deep dive into the exploration and application of color theory for quilters. You don't need a color wheel to design quilts that use color effectively! Instead, Claudia will share skills, tips, and tricks to help you create effective color stories—whether bold, subtle, or nuanced—with confidence. Through a showcase of her quilts, she'll illustrate key lessons I've learned about using color—how it carries emotional weight, sets a mood, and tells a story. Whether you're looking to refine your color sense or break out of a color rut, we hope this lecture will leave you inspired to see color in new ways and use it more intentionally in your work.

Don't Forget..

- Money for Monthly Mini
- Show & Tell
- Block of the Month
- Raffle basket donations
- Craft Fair items
- Food to share



President's Message

Hello Petaluma Quilters,

Our November meeting looks to be great – I hope you will attend.

Our October "Guild Build" was a blast – a wonderful chance to talk and socialize and be with folks we might not always interact with. Also, a huge thanks to Marilyn for all the great projects she prepped and brought! All the crafts we made will be ideal for the upcoming craft fairs (our MAIN source of income). If you haven't signed up to help for one or two hours at the fairs do so now. Also, another opportunity to get to know other fabulous quilters. Many hands make light work!

Finally, I think our Show and Tell will feature at least one of our opportunity quilts! We'll be raffling three different quilts to the public and will have one more just for volunteers – for those who sell tickets, take the quilt to other guilds and made blocks!

Don't forget that our December meeting will once again be at the Cottages with a potluck dinner and a fun activity in addition to communal conviviality.

See you on the 4th (also known as Election Day).

Happy Quilting, Melissa



Guild Meeting Minutes October 8th

Meeting called to order by President Melissa. The motion to approve last month's minutes was made by Jayne and seconded by Garnet. Accepted unanimously.

Stocking Challenge – the stockings were hung up for the members to vote for their favorite. Tokens were provided at check in for voting.

Craft Fairs – drop off completed items with Kim. We have been accepted at 3 different craft fairs; Elks craft fair, 2 days at the Grand Bazaar and 2 days at Rohnert Park craft fair. Please sign up for one or two shifts. Kim showed an example of a casserole mat and has the instructions. She has gift bag kits available for sewing .

Retreat – Deb will be sending out to all participants but keep bringing in items for the raffle baskets. She does not need any more containers for the raffle. There will be a few jobs to fill day of and she's asking everyone to bring a dessert that

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does not need utensils or plates ie cookies, bars, cupcakes, etc. Cutting tables on risers, irons, ironing boards will all be provided.

COTS – Ellie gave her report and added that the Guild members have donated 6428 quilts since 1993!!!!!!

Program – Marilyn did a fantastic job!! There were 6 tables of activities to make items for the craft fair: cell phone holder, scissor cases, applique towels, Scandinavian stars, present toppers, gift tags.

Block of the Month – Fran is doing a great job! She had a great idea to have multiple winners so more than one person can make a fun pumpkin wallhanging!

Winners! Gigi won the stocking contest! Metha won the Attendance prize

Karen K won the name tag prize

From your Roving Reporter



Board Meeting Minutes

Sept 9, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:00 by Melissa H, President

Board members present: Melissa H, Pres; Julie S, Sec'y; Julie S, Prog. Co-chair; Sue D, Membership Co-chair; Kim A., Ways & Means;

Additional attendees: Jayne M, Military quilts; Ellie O., COTS

President's report: There are mice in the storage unit. Beans and rice-stuffed items have been removed. Bait and traps set out.

Library classes – we are signed up to teach quilting/sewing on Sundays, 1:30–5:00, three weeks in a row, Jan 11, 18, & 25. The library trying to coordinate a quilt show prior to this, to generate interest. Kim offered to be in charge.

Craft Fairs – Kim continues to work on sign-ups. Melissa suggested an online signup system that includes auto reminders. Jayne is working on book items and holiday items; Kim is making more turkey hot pads. Many other items have been completed but more are needed!

Retreat – people are signing up. So far there are about 40 but there is room for 60.

Opp Quilt – There are now three opp quilts. The group is meeting prior to the Guild meeting to work on them. All three have a chicken theme.

Membership report – 39 members paid, plus a few more. Almost \$400 in additional donations. Already surpassed last year's paid member numbers. Sue will mail Affiliate membership requests/reminders.

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Treasurer report – Monthly report issued separately. Memberships and craft sales are the major sources of income and both are in the fall. Hoping that raffle baskets at the retreat will also bring in substantial income.

Ways & Means – Quilt show at the Depot is going well. Many pieces have sold.

Program Report – Marilyn F has the Guild Build program in hand for the October meeting. Members will be folding, stuffing and gluing items for the craft fairs.

Meeting adjourned 5:20. Respectfully submitted, Julie S, Secretary



*IN ALL
Things
GIVE
Thanks*

Guild Build Follow Up

Many thanks to all members who attended the October meeting and pitched in to sew items for the upcoming craft fairs in November! We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to visit with and get to know fellow members and enjoy an evening of slow stitching. We appreciate your willingness to help make enough product to support the three fairs we have signed up for. If you took any items home to finish, don't forget to bring them back at the November meeting.



Monthly Mini

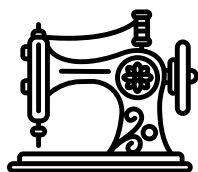
Congratulations to Rosemary who won the anonymous table runner.

Our November monthly mini pumpkins will be donated by Debby Lowenthal and Louise Cahill has made a beautiful table runner.

Thank you, Debby and Louise for your contributions.

We also thank the members who supported our raffle by buying tickets or gave a monetary donation. Each donation helps to pay and our rent.

You are appreciated.



Sew, Sleep, Repeat Retreat News



November 15 and 16 – 9 AM to 7 PM

The Retreat committee met and we have finalized information about this fabulous event that we're going to be having. It'll be for two days, and the cost for two days is **\$60 per person for both days**. This will include a lunch both days. We are going to be meeting in our old meeting room at the Community Center in Petaluma.

You will be able to bring your projects, and sewing machines and leave them at your table until Sunday when you go home. We will have cutting tables available with risers, but we will be asking for ironing boards, and irons to share. We also need volunteers to help with setup, monitor food, etc but we will have sign up sheets closer to the date. Most shifts will only be one or two hours at the most. If we have space, we will be extending the invitation to the Moonlighters Guild also.

We need all members (whether you're participating in the Retreat or not) in gathering items for our Raffle Containers. I say containers because they do not have to be baskets. If you Google ideas for gift baskets, they suggest using all kinds of things like jars, ice chest, bowls, on a plate, a nice bag, a wood box or flowerpot, etc. Use your imagination! Be creative with your donations! Remember this will be close to Christmas so we can make gift boxes and not just sewing.

Some of the ideas that we would like for the raffle to contain; Gift card, include the receipt, spices, garden items, children items like books or games, baby items, family games, animals/pets, holiday items, movies, spa items, coffee/tea/chocolate, romantic date night, and of course, fabric baskets!

You can start bringing any of the items that are non-perishable to the August meeting. Please give them to Debby. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting if you would like to come. **Full payment will be due by the September meeting.**

Thank you very much, The Sew Sleep Repeat Retreat Committee



Petaluma Quilt Guild presents

Raffle Baskets
Galore!!

SEW, SLEEP REPEAT

Come join us for a fun, two day retreat at
Lucchesi Community Center,
320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma

SAT/SUN NOV 15 & 16

9 am - 7 pm

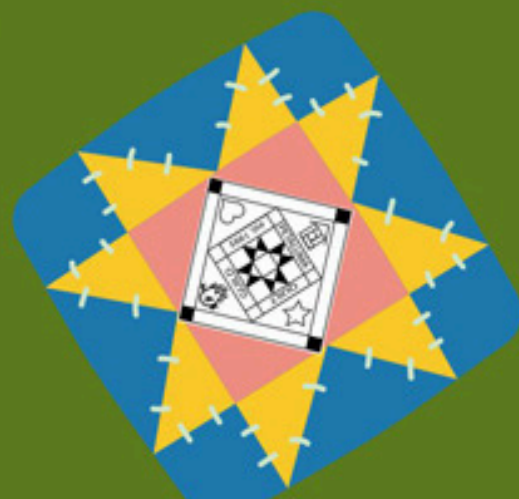
Lunch
Provided

Raffle baskets

\$60/two days

You can leave
your work setup
overnight

Sign up & more info: petalumaquiltguild@yahoo.com



Affiliates



November Birthdays

Barbara C – Nov 2

Sharon J – Nov 23

Gayle S – Nov 30

Kerstin S – Nov 30

Military Quilting News

Thankful Greetings. November is the time of year to express our thanks to others. I have found that quilters are one of the nicest group of people that I've ever met. No matter what circumstances arise they are there to help. Church committees, school volunteers, other clubs, neighborhood events, animal support, friends in need, children, grandchildren, other family members and of course the guild. We want to let you know how much you are appreciated in all that you do and not just for the Guild. Last meeting was a perfect example of helping out. As they say, many hands make light work.

You have all been amazing with your help on the veteran quilts project. The numbers to date are 47 completed and 9 need binding, putting us at 56 so far this year. I think we will make it to 60, a little shy of last year's number of 65.

Keep up the good work and enjoy your Thanksgiving/Friendsgiving. A heartfelt THANK YOU to you all. Jayne and Nancy



PETALUMA QUILT GUILD BLOCK of the MONTH October 2025

Leaf Block

This month we will be making a Leaf Block. I'm getting this idea from "SCRAP QUILTS the Art of Making Do" by Roberta Horton. I'm supplying the plaid fabric that you can use as the background or any part of the leaves. Use the plaid fabric and two of your fabric to complete the block plus something for the stem.

Cut the following for the leaf:

1. Two $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
2. One $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square
3. One strip $1\frac{1}{4}$ " x 8" for stem

Cut the following for the background:

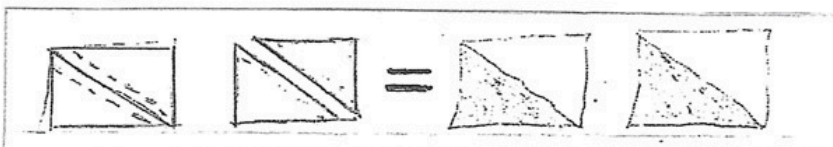
1. Two $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
2. One 3" x 3" square
3. One $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square

Step 1: Match $3\frac{1}{2}$ " background and leaf, right sides together and draw a line on the diagonal. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the line. Cut apart on line and press towards the darker fabric. You will have 4 half squares triangles that should measure 3" x 3".

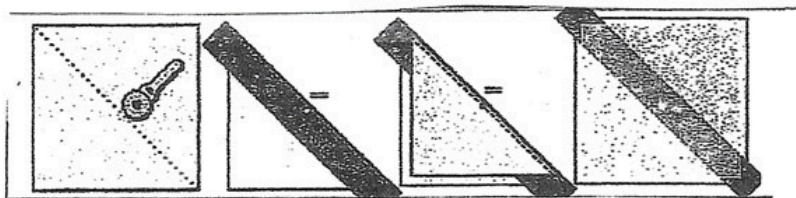
Step 2: The stem. Take the $5\frac{1}{2}$ " background fabric, cut on the diagonal and sew the stem fabric right sides together along the diagonal side of the background fabric. Do the same with the other side. Press towards the stem.

Step 3. Lay out the pieces and sew together.

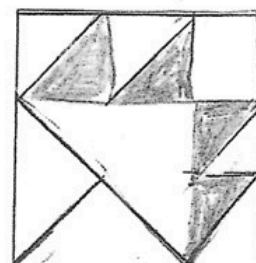
Step 1.



Step 2

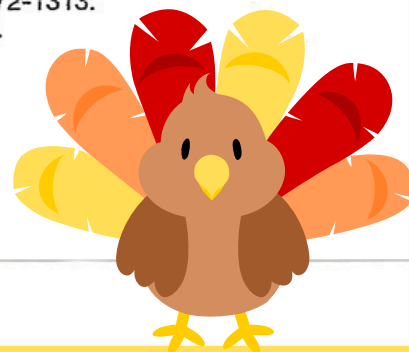


Step 3



Block will be 8" X 8" unfinished.

Make as many blocks as you want and if you have a plaid you rather use than use it. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Fran (415) 472-1313. Leave a message, name and phone number and I will return your call.



Stocking Challenge



Congratulations to Gligi for winning the challenge. Everyone did a great job!



Upcoming Craft Fairs

We have been accepted at THREE craft fairs this fall!! The new **Grand Bazaar Fair (Nov 8 and 9)** at the Fairgrounds, **Elks Fair (Nov 15)** and **Rohnert Park Holiday Arts and Crafts Faire (Nov 28 and 29)**. We still have open spots for volunteers to work the booths – please contact Kim A. if you are interested in helping.

Remember:

1. You do not have to make 10 or 12 items – you certainly can, if you want to and we appreciate it but please prioritize creativity and art over quantity.
2. **Good things to make – luggage tags, eyeglass cases, small toys, anything with a chicken, casserole dish hot pads, elastic pen caddies for notebooks, gift tags, gift toppers, gift card holders. We will try to help with Christmas fabric, batting, patterns, templates, ric-rack and trim. We're planning to bring lots of good stuff to the October Guild Build!**

**A reminder from
your newsletter
editor; we can only be
in these craft fairs if
the members step up
and help! Please sign
up for a shift!**



Officers

- Melissa H – President
- Kathy/Sue – VP Membership
- Margo/Julie – VP Programs
- Shari K – Treasurer
- Julie S – Secretary

Committee Chairs

Block of the Month – Fran Z

Castoff Table – Laura L

Hospitality – Jane H

Military Quilts – Jayne M

Monthly Mini – Sherri G

Mother Hen – Gigi & Sharon J

Newsletter – Amanda C

Opp Quilt 2026 – Melissa

Quilts for COTS – Ellie O

Retreats – Debby L

Ways & Means – Kim

Webmaster – Amanda

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