NEWSLETTER

6 pm Start Time!!

Next meeting Nov 3

Skill Building

Get ready to get educated!

Our November meeting will feature three guild members demonstrating three skill-building techniques to expand your quilting horizons:

- Kathy S. will demo two ways to create Flying Geese, both folded and sewn in multiples
- Shari K. will demo simplified Foundation Piecing
- ·Margo C. will demo gentle, improvisational curves

Each demo will be offered three times, so everyone can observe each lesson.

The North Wind Quilt Guild from Fairfield will have its Opportunity Quilt on hand as well.

Please join us for an evening of education and entertainment. We hope to see you there!

Don't Forget..

- Money for Monthly Mini
- Show & Tell
- Block of the Month
- Crafts for craft fairs



Presidents' Message

Hello Petaluma Quilters!

Fall is the perfect time to finish one or two (or maybe even more!) of those unfinished quilting projects before the colder weather arrives. Whether it's a cozy quilt to snuggle under, a thoughtful handmade gift for someone special, or a beautiful piece to decorate our homes, there's nothing quite like the satisfaction of putting in those final stitches!

A wonderful time was had by all that attended our Sew, Sleep, and Repeat Retreat! It was such a joy to spend time together doing what we love most—sewing, sharing ideas, and enjoying the company of fellow quilters. There is something special about setting aside our busy schedules to focus on quilting, friendships, and creativity. A heartfelt thank-you goes to Debby, Jayne, Nancy, Ellie, and Rosemary for all the time, energy, and hard work they put into making this retreat such a success.

Our next Guild meeting is Tuesday, November 3, and we have a fun and educational evening planned! We will be hosting a Skill-Building Night featuring three stations led by our talented guild members, Kathy S., Shari K., and Margo C. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced quilter, there is always something new to learn! During the evening, we will explore different techniques for making flying geese, learn about foundation paper piecing, and discover how to create gentle, improvisational curves. Each demonstration will be offered three times, giving everyone the opportunity to rotate through all three stations and enjoy every lesson. What a wonderful way to learn new skills and perhaps find inspiration for your next quilting project!

We will also be welcoming visitors from the North Wind Quilt Guild in Fairfield, who will be bringing their beautiful Opportunity Quilt and selling raffle tickets. Be sure to stop by, admire their work, and purchase a ticket or two for a chance to win!

Happy quilting,
Cheryl and Margo



General Meeting Minutes
October 6

Margo called the meeting to order at 6:05. She welcomed the new members. Last month's minutes were unanimously approved. Melissa made the motion and Deb seconded it

Speaker – Victoria introduced our speaker, Pernille Gutscheck. Her talk was about ways we can draw inspiration from friends, family, nature, art, etc. After the break, Cheryl ran the business meeting. We had 30 members present.

Monthly Mini – Francesca won the tablerunner and Cathi won the cards

Block of the month – Sally won

Retreat – Deb showed us the quilting retreat checklist that Ellie found. Deb reminded us to make/bring a snack and/or dessert to share. We have lots of raffle baskets so remember to bring your money. We should bring surge protectors and extension cords and make the log cabin block to enter into the drawing. Set up is at 8:30 am on Sat am

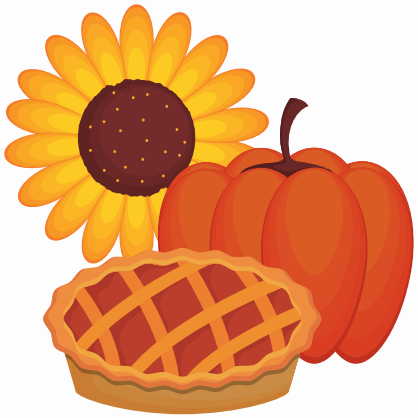
Military – 16 pillowcases were recedntly returned

COTS- Ellie reported that she recently donated 20 quilts – 10 to the Voices project and 10 to COTS. Please take pillowcase kits or quilt kits.

Treasurer – we are doing well on membership dues. Shari was able to move money into savings

Ways & Means – Kim recently set up a scrip card at Petaluma Market. Oliver's Market also has scrip card but it is a separate one. The Grand Bazaar did not go as well this year due to excessive heat. Bowl cozies and gift bags were popular.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm Submitted by Secretary, Amanda





Board Meeting Minutes

Sept 23, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:36pm

Members Present on Zoom: Margo, Co-President, Cheryl, Co-President, Victoria, Vice President Programs, Shari, Treasurer, Amanda, Secretary, Ellie COTS rep, Kim, Ways & Means,

Board Meeting – decided to hold the meetings 6pm on 3rd Wednesday on Zoom. Offers will be made to share home space if people can't Zoom from their home.

Board minutes unanimously approved from last meeting.

Review of vice presidents, etc

Treasurer report – Our financial situation is much better than the previous year. We should have roughly one year's budget in savings. We need to pay up front for the retreat and craft fairs, etc.

Opportunity Quilt -Did we make more money from making 3 opportunity quilts? The answer is no. We didn't sell that many tickets when we went to other guilds. Our majority of sales were sold to our own Guild members. Santa Rosa Guild is asking when they can share their opp quilt with us. Cheryl will answer them.

Job Descriptions- Co-Presidents will scan the job descriptions and send them out to the different members and update them. Same thing with the Guild calendar. Be sure and check that the duties of officers are included

Newsletter – Cheryl will use eblast group on the Yahoo Guild mail to send out the newsletter and other announcements.

Website – Guild website was infected with malicious software but it is now fixed.

Next meeting Oct 23rd

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 Submitted by Secretary, Amanda



Block of the Month

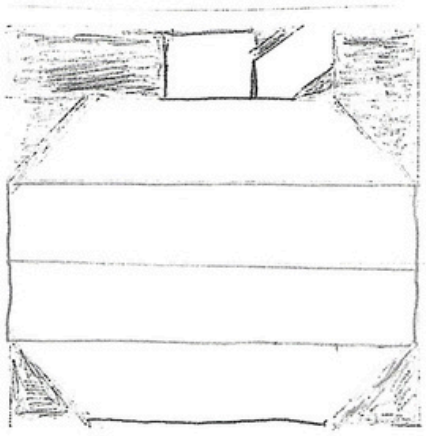
PETALUMA QUILT GUILD BLOCK of the MONTH
Pumpkin Block
October 2026

1. You will need 4 pumpkin fall colored fabrics:
   Cut four 2 1/2" x 10 1/2"

2. You will need black fabrics:
   Cut five 2 1/2" squares
   Cut one 2 1/2 x 4 1/2
   Cut two 1 1/2"

3. You will need a 2 1/2" square
   of tan for stem

4. You will need a 2 1/2" square
   of green for leaf



Directions: Lay out according to the diagrams.

This blocks is 10 1/2" x 10 1/2" unfinished.
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.

Store Closing - Vintage Linens/Quilts, etc

If you are a fan of vintage linens, patterns, buttons, quilts then be sure to stop by the Doll Mercantile store at 1510 Bodega Ave, Wed - Sat 11 am to 5 pm. My dear friends, Colleen and Neva, are closing the doors of the Doll Mercantile store and everything is half price. Although the primary stock is dolls, there are also a lot of vintage linens, etc and other assorted antiques hidden away in the store. The furniture is for sale in the store as well as vintage dishes and glassware. I'm helping them close out the business so if you have any questions, please reach out to me - Amanda

COTS Update

Hi Quilters. Here is a brief recap of info shared at the Oct. meeting for those who could not attend. We delivered 10 quilts and pillowcases to the Voices Project, and 10 quilts and pillowcases to the homeless shelter in September. For the Guild year 2025 -2026, we donated 127 quilts and pillowcases. Thank you for your participation that made it possible.

As of Oct. 10, 4 quilts and pillowcases were delivered to the shelter. If you would like to create adult quilt tops out of your fabric collection, the size is 48 x 78, borders not required. This size fits the bunk beds that the clients use. We are sad to report the passing of Carol Beck, a member of Quilters for COTS for over 30 years. She provided us with 6 1/2-inch squares that make up the fabric packets for your use. Thank you to Amanda and Marilyn F. for taking over this task. Several clients send their thanks for the beautiful quilts and pillowcases they receive. Thank you for supporting this project and the homeless in our community. Ellie

Military News

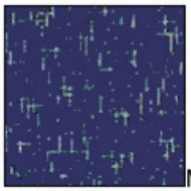
Hello quilters. I'm pleased to let you all know that I was able to donate 45 quilts and pillowcases to Nations Finest in Santa Rosa. With your help I hope to make 15 more to reach our goal of 60 for 2026. I know the veterans appreciate them especially with cold weather just around the corner. Thank you all again for making it all possible. Keep on stitching. Jayne and Nancy

Ways & Means Report

Elks Holiday Craft Fair is coming up November 14 and 15 from 10 am to 3 pm. The Holiday Fair in Rohnert Park is Nov 27/28 right after Thanksgiving. Please talk to Kim if you can help with either of these craft fairs or both! It is so much fun to be a part of these community fairs! Please sign up at our November meeting!



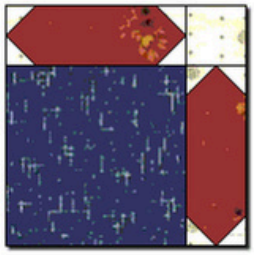
Military Block



Morning Star - 2026 Spring Military Block

Any questions ask Jayne

A 1914 block-that-isn't-a-block!...so this is another of those "Method" instructionals, as opposed to a real "Block pattern" This design is named for it's SASHING, which forms the stars!



** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Units **

The instructions below will give a quilt block that is a finished 12-1/2"

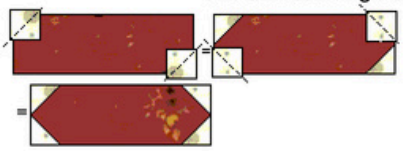


Start by cutting blue fabric into a 9-1/2" square.

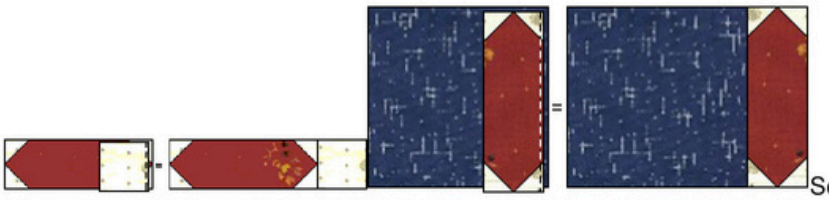
Then cut 2 red sashing 3-1/2" x 9-1/2".



For the sashings cut eight 2" white squares, and one 3-½ " square.



Draw a light diagonal line on the back of the white 2" square, and sew ON this drawn line. Cut off the excess seam allowance, leaving 1/4", pressing that seam allowances towards the red rectangle. Repeat on all four corners. Next add the 3 ½" square to the right side as shown to only one of your shshings.



Sew the sashing without the 3 ½ square to the 9 ½ in blue square, then add the sashing unit with the 3 ½ " square to the top. You're done and the block should look like the top picture. Thank you.

**Editor's note: I made a bunch of these and they go very quickly. Help Jayne out and make a few!

Retreat News

If you were part of the two days, you already know how much fun it was. So much laughing so much helping each other so much friendship. It was such an amazing time. We ended up with 30 baskets for raffle. It made quite a bit of money. We ended up having about 55 people signed up and 35-45 attendance. What was a big surprise is when the Moonlighters stood up and gave a donation check to President Cheryl as a thank you for you who all went and worked for their fabric sale. We are working on maybe having another one maybe in the summer because Moonlighters will be having one in April. More exciting information on that as a develops.
Thank you to the committee. Jayne, Nancy L, Rosemary, Ellie, and Debby.

If you lost a white rotary cutter at the retreat, please take to Debby























Nov Birthdays

Marlene D – Nov 8
Sharon J – Nov 23
Kerstin S – Nov 30
Gayle S – Nov 30

Affiliate

bolt FABRIC+HOME

Officers

- Cheryl/Margo - Co Presidents
- Diana B- VP Membership
- Julie/Victoria - VP Programs
- Shari K/Jennifer - Treasurer
- Amanda - Secretary

Committee Chairs

Block of the Month - Fran Z
Castoff Table - Laura L
Hospitality - Jane H
Military Quilts - Jayne M
Monthly Mini - Sally A/Metha
Mother Hen - Gigi
Newsletter - Amanda C
Opp Quilt 2026 - Melissa
Quilts for COTS - Ellie O
Retreats - Debby L
Ways & Means - Kim
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