

Ridge Quilters' Guild April 2024

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President's Message

To me Spring is the season of new growth. My dormant azaleas are starting to flower, also my dogwood trees are beginning to bud. I am not a gardening connoisseur, but I see that my white dogwood has flowered and is already going to leaves, while my pink dogwoods are still in the bud stage, but I know soon they will flower. The new flowers on the dogwood trees remind me of all the new members we have in the guild.

As a guild we are in this season of new growth. We have lost many members in the last 5 or 6 years due to moving away after the Camp Fire, or due to normal aging and not being able to attend or participate and sadly we lost some altogether. As with any growth there are stages that are not that comfortable, but we need to look ahead to what is coming; to see the beauty in the new life that is being developed.

Some things that we "have always done" may not be happening next year without volunteers. The critical aspects of our Guild are the officers and our charitable activities. The same 15 – 20 people cannot continue to hold up the Guild, they are beginning to wear out and fade away. With the new growth that we have there are bound to be new ideas going forward.

We are more than "just" a group of quilters who want to sew. We do want to sew, but we also choose to learn and use our creative talents in the service of others. I started my journey wanting to learn more about how to quilt as I had no family members that shared that skill or interest with me. In my journey, I practiced making items such as quilts, placemats, clothes covers and walker bags to get better at my own projects. Many of those items I practiced on were donated to Community Service. Community Service is the reason we qualify for being a charitable organization. If we aren't giving to others, we aren't being charitable. How we give

does not have to be the same, we can use new ideas on how to serve our community and still give back. Recently we heard about the Father – Daughter dinner dance and we made many placemats for the participants to have a memorial of their event. That was something new. So, I am hoping that one or a team of volunteers will step up and help lead Community Service so the guild can continue to blossom in the Community. It's a way to meet your fellow members and a way to give back too.

Linda Brown, president

Ridge Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes March 19, 2024 Lutheran Church, Paradise

President, Linda Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Members were asked to silence their phones.
2. Ward Habriel was our Veteran of the Month, however he was unable to attend our meeting today. The quilt that will be given to Ward has special meaning, as it was made by our late member, Marilyn Simpson.
3. Leslie Breuning made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Janet Larson seconded. The motion passed.
4. Kim Morris reported the guild spent \$1,475.70 and brought in \$2,323.20.
5. Linda again explained Grouper to the membership. It was noted that not all insurance companies accept Grouper.
6. Franci Lamb gave a report on her efforts to fill the board and committees for the coming fiscal year. She still needs someone for VP of Workshops and secretary, along with several committee chairs. Cherylann Bullock volunteered to handle Sunshine and Betty Iijima and Flo Beauchemin volunteered for Luncheons.

Franci will be calling members to encourage them to volunteer for a guild position.

7. Linda listed some of the suggestions from the Budget Enhancement committee.
8. Linda reminded everyone that the next quilt show meeting will be April 12 at Franci's home.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Linda asked members if they had any problems with scheduling Drop In for 5 hours on the 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month. Everyone agreed to the new schedule.
2. Challenge 2024: Ann Slocum and Leeanne Kromer are chairing this year's challenge. Those participating will receive an envelope with instructions on a colored sheet. That colored sheet will be the mono-chromatic color to be used in a 24"x24" quilt. Participants may also use either white or black in their quilt. Blocks will be selected from quiltercache.com. The block must be distinguishable in the quilt. The deadline for the challenge is September 17.

SHOW & TELL: participants were Joan McWilliams, Cathy Anderson, Cherylann Bullock, and Betty Iijima. Linda Brown, Kim Morris, and Sue Edell showed their finished bags from last month's workshop. Donna Greenwald, Mary Ann Hagan, and Ann Slocum also showed art quilts made in a class. Joy Cunniff showed several quilts made by students at the local elementary school.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pick-a-Prize & Treasure Table – Franci Lamb said that there are 3 prizes.

Retreat – Kim reported that there are 25 signed up for the retreat and there is room for 10 more.

Membership – Mary Ann Hagan introduced a new member, Jill.

Community Service – Jeri Machado asked for more masculine quilts. She also said that she has new labels to attach to the quilts. Finally, Jeri asked for someone to take over next year, as she will be spending more time in Florida.

Boutique – Speri Machuga showed the apple pin cushions members can make for the boutique.

There will be a workshop at Drop In the fourth Wednesday of March.

Opportunity Quilt – Speri Machuga is now selling packets of 13 tickets for \$10 to the membership.
Name Tag Challenge – Cherylann Bullock has taken up this challenge. She said that there will be a workshop the first Wednesday at Drop In to help those needing some guidance.

BREAK

The speaker today was Joy Lily. She had slides and actual quilts from her 100+1 quilts challenge. These quilts were approximately all 24"x24" and used fabrics from her stash, many of them scraps. It was a fun program.

The Pick-a-Prize winners were Linda Brown, Donna Greenwald, and Debbie Sharrett. The winner of the Block of the Month was Julie Kielpinski.

Betty Iijima told everyone that the Lions Club is collecting metal tabs from cans.

Donna Greenwald announced that Annie's Star has a new quilt display at the Cancer Center in Chico. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03.

Respectfully submitted by Joan McWilliams, secretary

Programs & Workshops:

April 16th- Anelie Belsen's program and workshop have been rescheduled to August due to lack of signups for her workshop. Please consider signing up for her August workshop.

May 21st- Elizabeth Willie will be presenting her truck show- 'Families Are Like Old Quilts' a collection of quilts passed through her family.

June 18th- Pot Luck Lunch

July 16th- Arlene Arnold will be presenting- Quilt Judging, It's not just a Beauty Contest!

Donna Greenwald (thegreenwalds@comcast.net),
Leeanne Kromer (lkromer99@gmail.com)
Sue Edell (Stuart9624@comcast.net)

Board Meeting: April 1, 2024

The board voted to increase the newsletter budget by \$125 to cover the cost of printing and stamps.

Veteran of the Month / Quilts of Valor

For April, our Veteran of the Month is Joe DiDuca. Joe is a long-time member of our community; many may recognize his name. He has been very active as a Lion's member as well as being a licensed plumber. Joe spent 4 years in the Army in the 101 st Airborne Division during the Korean war. We will meet Joe at the April meeting when we present him with his quilt.

I still have some kits to make Patriotic tops for future recipients. I will bring them to the April meeting, and I will ask Joan Moore to assist me again in getting members to take one home, sew it and return it to be long-armed and to have the binding added. If you would like to reserve one, please send me an email. quiltlinda@gmail.com

The nomination form for future recipients is on the Guild website. I have also given the membership table some forms so you can pick them up at the meeting. If you know a veteran that you'd like to nominate please complete the form and get it turned back in. We are trying to recognize Veterans who have been helpful in our Rebuilding the Community efforts whether independently or through another service club, but we also want to thank our local Veterans for their service to our Country. Linda Brown

Quilt Show Entry Forms

It is time to start thinking about your entries into our October 19-20th Quilt Show!

Pick up an entry form packet at our April meeting.

UNUSED COUNTRY PINES QUILT SHOP GIFT CERTIFICATES

Recently, I heard from Laura Roberts regarding several gift certificates from her shop that have not been used. She is attempting to get her books cleared. There are 3 gift certificates in \$20 increments that were donated during the October 2018 quilt show. She does not have any records, nor does the guild on who received those gift certificates.

Additionally, after the Camp Fire, Lynn Wilder bought many gift certificates that were donated. There are 4 outstanding gift certificates for \$50

each that have not been redeemed (one member let me know she has hers and plans to use it during the retreat). The Guild does not have records as to who received those certificates, but we presume that it was members who had lost their homes.

We are reaching out in the hopes to jog your memory so that you will find them and spend them so Laura can clear her books. Please let me know if you have one. Laura says that she does have an online presence so you won't have to drive all the way to Susanville to spend the certificate, or maybe you will go there while attending this year's retreat?

If no one comes forward, both Laura Roberts and Lynn Wilder have said to just give them to the Guild to use in whatever manor they feel is appropriate. The Board will discuss ways to handle these. No decisions will be made until we can make sure that all members are made aware and if no one comes forward, then the Board will make a recommendation which will be brought to the membership at a future meeting.

So far, the suggestions I have received are to use it for Community Service; use it for the Patriotic Veteran of the month program; use it for the next or current Opportunity Quilt; or use a portion as gifts at the May retreat. I will keep you informed.

Linda Brown

FACBOOK Guild Private Page

Are you on Facebook? Did you know that the Guild has a Private Page where we post updates of events that are happening as well as reach out to each other if we need a little bit of assistance?

Recently Audrey Giroux posted a picture of fabric that she was running short on towards the 2025 Opportunity Quilt – she was hoping that someone might have some in their stash. Also, we posted pictures of those that showed up for the Workday Drop In on March 27th and showed the apples that were in progress. We typically wish Happy Birthday to our Guild members and who doesn't enjoy getting a plethora of greetings from friends? And many share what they are working on or share a funny cartoon that is "quilt" appropriate.

If you are new to the Guild, all you have to do to get an invite is send a request to quiltlinda@gmail.com. I'll be sure to send you the link within 24 hours (usually much quicker but sometimes I take a small break from the iPad).

Today I learned that if you have signed up, but don't see posts in your "feed", you just need to go to your settings and update your preferences to "follow". If you have a cell phone and use that instead of a computer, Speri Machuga is our Tech Angel. I think at a meeting soon, we will set up our projector and Speri will show us all how to connect with Facebook. I know she also uses Instagram, but I haven't figured that one out, maybe she can show us that too?

So, please join as it is much easier for committee chairs to reach out to our members vs sending the information to the President and then have the President send out the email through the guild email. Hope to see you online.

Linda Brown

Thank You's Received

We received this from Moms of the Ridge for the placemats we gave them: "I apologize it took me a while to say this but thank you so so much for these placemats. It was such a beautiful touch to the tables! The girls got to bring them home as well, which was so special for them. Thank you for thinking of us."

We also received a thank you from Habitat for Humanity for the quilts that have been provided to the new residents of completed houses.

Grouper

At the General Meeting, I will be providing a Sign-Up Assist for those who are interested and just need a little assistance with getting started. We have partnered with Grouper to get our members due reimbursed if their Medicare Supplement plan covers it. This program is similar to Silver Sneakers that paid for gym membership. Grouper has partnered with Health Care Plans that value that non isolated seniors are healthier, and being involved with the Quilt Guild fits that bill.

Even if your medical plan does not qualify for reimbursement of your dues, you get access to free content on the internet regarding quilting and other crafting sites, or also yoga, bird watching, walking groups, hiking etc to name a few.

So come by and see me during the break and I will have the paperwork for you to take with you to help you through the process. Linda Brown

The 2024 Opportunity Quilt is making its rounds!

For those unable to attend meetings, adding \$10 to your membership and including a self-addressed envelope is a convenient way to participate. Otherwise, tickets are available at RQG meetings for 13 tickets for \$10.

If you have any questions, feel free to me at: sewitberry@gmail.com

Speri Machuga

Quilt Shows:

Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Grass Valley would like to invite you and all your guild members to attend our 38th annual "Springtime In The Pines" quilt show April 27 – April 28, at the beautiful Nevada County Fairgrounds, here in Grass Valley.

This year our show is a celebration of "40 years of Service, Quilting and Memories" of our guild and will include two buildings filled with beautiful quilts and multi-media textile art, vendors, country store, silent auction, raffle baskets, special exhibits, door prizes and Quilter's Cafe. Our featured quilter is award winning local quilter Kris Cook.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at our website: www.pinetreequiltguild.com or respond to this email.

Regards, Joan Mosley, Quilt Show Publicity

Nomination Committee Requests

As requested by our presiding President and as directed by our bylaws, we are currently seeking nominations and volunteers to hold a variety of positions for the upcoming new year, starting July 1, 2024. Fortunately, our committee has received a

fantastic response from our members! We have filled all but two positions.

Secretary is one position which requires note taking during our meetings and again at our once-a-month Board Meeting. These notes are then submitted electronically to the Newsletter person.

The other position that needs a committee leader is **Community Service**, which is vital in order for our Quilt Guild to exist as a 501(C) (3) tax exempt organization. This chairperson tracks & organizes our donations and holds occasional workshops to generate more items, quilts to be distributed to charitable organizations as needed.

If I do not hear from our members, I will be obliged to go down our phone lists and call each of our members ...please don't make me do that! I have Asthma right now...I can barely speak.

Serving our guild is a privilege and honor and personally fulfilling. Many positions are more fun when two or more members take the position and share by helping each other.

If you or someone you know would like to serve in a position please contact

Franci Lamb, 530-966-0770.

RQG 2024 Challenge Quilt

The theme for our October Quilt Show is 'Rainbows In Paradise'. When your quilts are hung at the show, they will represent a rainbow.

The challenge is to make a monochromatic (one color) quilt using one block.

Use different hues and shades of your color, black **or** white may be used but doesn't need to be. Be sure your color is the main focus.

Sign up at our meeting and you will be assigned a color from the rainbow.

You pick a block. This is a challenge so try a block you have never made before. Make one block or more of the same block from this web site.

The website

<https://www.quilterscache.com/QuiltBlocksGalore.html> has

many blocks to choose from and directions are included.

Somewhere on the quilt you must have at least one recognizable block, others can be sliced and/or diced up to make other patterns. Appliqué and embellishments may be added keeping within your color.

Size- 24"x24"

Deadline-Tuesday September 17th meeting.

Bring your quilt to display at the meeting. Viewer's choice award will be given.

Be sure to name your block on the label.
Good luck and have fun creating!!

Ann Slocum tonysparadise@sbcglobal.net
Learne Kromer Lkromer99@gmail.com

NCQC Feb-Apr 2024

The next meeting of NCQC will be April 10, 10 - 12 at Pleasant Hill Community Center in person. The July meeting will be via ZOOM.

Here are a few events happening:
A Wonderland of Quilts - Loomis Quilt & Fiber Guild April 19 & 20 (10 am - 4 pm)
6414 Brace Road Loomis admission \$7

Together Again Amador Valley Quilters
June 22 (10 am - 4 pm) and June 23 (10 am - 3 pm) 557 Olivina Avenue Livermore
Admission \$10

Rae Hainley, representative

Community Service

Received: Quilt top 1, Completed quilt 1,
Long armed quilt 17, Placemats 9, Clothes covers 10

Gifted: Quilts 11, Reading pillows 4

Thank you Jeri Machado

It is recommended that each guild member make a minimum of two Community Quilts per year. Suggested sizes but all will be accepted.

COMMUNITY QUILTS 42" X 48"
LAP ROBES 36" X 48"
DISASTER QUILTS BED SIZES

Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter

The next north quarter meeting will be in Lakeport April 27th. Hosted by Ladies of the Lake.

Quilt shows/events

May 4-5 Grapevine Quilters, Ukiah
 May 11-12 Flying Needles, Woodland
 June 28-29 Ocean Waves, ft Bragg
 August 31-1 Shasta Lily, Mt Shasta
 Sept 20-21 Sew-ciety, Redding
 Becky Ray, representative

Calendar of Events			
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Board meeting	Apr 1	Pine Grove club house	10am
Drop In	Apr 3	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm
General meeting	Apr 16	Lutheran Church	10 - noon
Workshop	Apr 17	Terry Ashe	9:30–3pm
Drop In	Apr 24	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm
Board meeting	May 4	Pine Grove club house	10am
Drop In	May 6	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm
General meeting	May 21	Lutheran Church	10 - noon
Board meeting	June 3	Pine Grove club house	10am
Drop In	June 5	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm
General meeting	June 18	Lutheran Church	10 - noon
Drop In	June 25	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm

Happy Birthday

May

Bejae Arnold May 4
 Leslie Bruening May 5
 Mary Ann Hagan May 9
 Eileen Hollingsworth May 10
 Lorrie Lundy May 11
 Joy Cunniff May 14
 Dianna Walker May 18
 Joan McWilliams May 20
 Faye Johnson May 26

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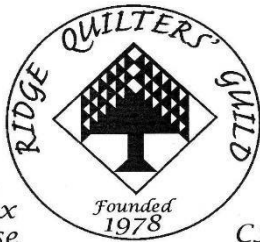
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You're Invited to the
Sierra Quilt Guild of Tuolumne County
2023 Quilt & Threads Show

FRI. SEPTEMBER 15 10AM - 5PM
SAT. SEPTEMBER 16 10AM - 4PM
ADULTS \$10 FOR BOTH DAYS
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Next General Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 10am-12

**At the Lutheran Church on Skyway
and Luther Dr.**

Next Board Meeting

Monday, 10:00am April 1 at
1368 Garnet Ln (Pine Grove Clubhouse)

All members are welcome to attend!
Contact Linda Brown if you have an
item you'd like added to the agenda.

Newsletter – contact Joan McWilliams

Cost of Advertising

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Business card \$35 for 12 inserts

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