

Ridge Quilters' Guild December 2023

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President's Message

Wow! I am amazed at the wonderful Home Tour and all of those who helped organize, decorate, baked cookies, sat at homes, and welcomed our guests. I have only heard how beautiful and wonderful the homes were and how festive the decorations were. Thank you, Beverly Mc Clellan, for heading up the committee and special thanks to Kathy Bertrand for organizing the quilts that were displayed and staged. I hope that those that were involved will put together a critique of what went well and where they saw improvements could be made. Let's get all those notes together and put it into the Home Tour Binder for the next one, as in 2 years we (at least I) forget stuff. The boutique was a huge success and did better than last time. The items that were turned in were fantastic. Now, it's time to sit on our laurels, right?!

Not me, now I can work at finishing the Christmas gifts for my great-grandchildren, all 5 of them. But it is time for us to enjoy the upcoming holidays with family and friends and hopefully you will be able to join us for the December guild meeting too. Be sure to read the article about what we are bringing this year, as it's not the normal potluck. I like it when we try new things and not always do things like we have always done. If you are hesitant, you can always bring your own packed lunch instead of making one for some unknown other person.

The best part of the December meeting is that it is not filled with business that must be done and this is a time to get to know your fellow guild members.

While working at the Home Tour the resounding comments I heard from members are that they really enjoyed getting to know members they had not met yet. This was the same sentiment that was expressed at the New Member Tea. So how do we get to know each other better? At events like the Home Tour and the Quilt show, we have opportunities to visit with others while we are organizing and staging. Another way is to attend

workshops, as not only do you learn a new technique, you will have the ability to visit with members. And our newest opportunity is to attend the Open Sew Days known as Drop In starting January 24, 2024. Drop In will now be on the 1st and 4th Wednesday of each month. We will be meeting in the classroom B, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. No tools or extension cords or irons etc are brought there so bring your own items. I find that when I am with others my creative wheels get turning more and I get motivated to do more.

In closing, may your holiday season be filled with the love of family and friends.

Linda Brown

Holiday Lunch:

Just a quick reminder for our next meeting on December 19th:

Bring a wrapped lunch for the lunch exchange - which should include a sandwich (or perhaps a salad or ???), a drink, and a dessert... If you could include a small "surprise" gift, that would be perfect. Lunches could be brought in tins, boxes, bags... all with a holiday/wrapped theme. We'll be putting them on a table, grabbing a ticket with a number (which will also go on a lunch) and we're ready to sit with friends and have a lovely time without "surprise" lunches. If you have a dietary restriction and can't eat a "surprise" lunch, please bring a lunch that meets your needs. We don't want anyone getting out-of-sorts or sick because of "something they ate"...

Also, we will be doing the collection for a foodbank... one raffle ticket per dry or canned good item donated will get you a lovely basket of goodies --- notions, material, rulers, etc. Items for donation could be canned goods and non-perishables that have a good shelf-life on them. Check your cupboards and pantries and bring those edibles in.

See you at the meeting! Julie Heussner

Home Tour Boutique:

It was an absolute success!

First, I want to thank Leanne Kromer and Elise Aiello Simpson for working so hard to help get the boutique set up and for helping throughout the weekend. These two ladies are very hard working and creative! Then, a big Thank You goes out to Linda Radcliff, Kathy Roessler, Lori MacPhail, Laura Green, Ann Slocum, and Lynn Eads for being the worker bees.

We sold at least 2/3 of what we had and made very good money. Our brains are kind of on the fried side, but Kim Morris will have the final numbers at the next meeting.

And finally, I want to thank each of you who so generously donated your items! They were fabulous and you have set a high bar for the next country store/boutique!

Tina Bishop

Programs & Workshops:

December- 21st- Holiday Lunch

January 16th- Colleen Pelfrey will be presenting her program, Life With a Border Around It.

January 17th- Colleen's workshop; Taking Out the Dye. A day of experimenting using DeColourant and a large assortment of her stencils, stamps, and other fun tools to take the dye out of fabrics. You will be amazed at what colors can remain. Class is \$30 and you bring an assortment of fabrics, scraps work fine. Class is full, sign up on wait list. Check out Colleen's website at colleenpelfreyquilts@gmail.com

February 20th- Eileen Milligan, (the mom) representing Melissa & Mom, a pattern company will be presenting a trunk show and lecture including the ins and outs of starting a business publishing your own patterns. Their line of patterns will be available for purchase. You can view them on her website- melissaandmomquilts@gmail.com

February 21st- Workshop will be a purse from one of their patterns. Stop by the workshop table at our next meeting to see the samples and sign up. Class is \$25, includes the pattern.

April 16th- Anelie Belden will be presenting a Dresden Dance Trunk Show. Anelie Belden is a nationally known sewing instructor, quilt and pattern designer and author. She has taken the traditional Dresden quilt design and created new updated designs in her book "Thoroughly Modern Dresden". Check out her web site abquiltteacher@gmail.com

April 17th- Anelie Belden workshop will be creating a 3-D Dresden using the modern piecing method of 'stitch and flip' with an additional layer of blades in the center that float on top of the Dresden. Adding a rouching makes this Dresden come alive! The finished piece can be a pillow, wall hanging or start of a larger quilt. Signups will begin in January.



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Leeanne Kromer (lkromer99@gmail.com)
Sue Edell (Stuart9624@comcast.net)

**Ridge Quilters' Guild
General Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2023
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. Tina Bishop moved that the minutes in the newsletter be accepted after corrections are made. It was seconded by Betty Iijima and the motion passed.
3. The treasurer's report was given by Kim Morris. Incoming was \$; outgoing was \$. Kim reminded everyone that they can see the details at the treasurer's table.
4. The Quilters Sew-city, from Redding, presented their opportunity quilt. The quilt was made by the owner of Blue Iris quilt shop. It was the sample for the block of the month.
5. The Veteran of the Month was Twede Danley. He and his family were present to accept our thanks, along with a quilt.



6. Linda asked how many received her email regarding Elements 3 Health. Only a few have actually joined the program at this point. Linda again explained the benefits to this program for our members and the guild.
7. The current by-laws are still being reviewed. Lynne Eads and Linda Brown have met twice to review them and put together suggestions for the guild to review. Those working on the update are MaryAnn Cooper, Mary Ann Hagan, Lynn Eads, Linda Brown, and Lorrie Lundy

NEW BUSINESS

1. Linda asked how many have been using DropIn? There is very little attendance. After some discussion, it was decided that DropIn will be changed to the second and fourth Wednesday of each month and last from 9 – 3pm. Linda will clear this with the rec center for January and forward.
2. Becky Ray volunteered to chair a name badge challenge starting in January.

SHOW & TELL: participants were Joan McWilliams, Joan Moore, Mary Ann Hagan, Judy Martinez, Louise Kyle, Tina Bourdetter, and Janet Larson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Home Tour – Joan McWilliams asked for and received volunteers to fill 4 slots at 2 homes. She will be emailing the volunteers more information about their duties and reminding them as to which homes they are assigned. Beverly McLellan

showed the banners that will mark the homes on the tour this year. The boutique will be at Mary Rose's home, Pick-a-Prize at Jodi Jones', refreshments at Franci Lamb's, the opportunity quilt at Jan Hardy's and Education Outreach in the playroom at Jodi's home. Ticket prices are \$15. Betty Iijima will be accepting cookies on Thursday, November 30, at Raley's in Chico at 1pm – 2pm and at SaveMart at 2:30pm – 3:30pm. She also needs cider.

Treasure Table – Franci Lamb displayed 3 items for Pick-a-Prize and encouraged members to buy tickets. Any items left after the meeting will be donated to a thrift shop. She also announced that she needs to train a replacement for the coming fiscal year.

Programs & Workshops – Donna Greenwald and Sue Edell talked about the January speaker, Pauline Palfrey. There are a few openings for her workshop. February will be Melissa and Mom, but only Mom will be here. The workshop will be making a tote or purse.

Home Tour Boutique – Tina Bishop announced that she has collected and priced approximately 500 items. If everything sells, the boutique will make over \$6,000. We will be accepting cash, checks, PayPal, Venmo and credit cards this year. Membership – Mary Ann Hagan announced that there were 53 present, and 2 guest. She announced that starting next month, she will be charging 25 cents for a paper name tag per our by-laws.

December luncheon – Julie Huessner announced that members are to bring a box/bag lunch. The lunches will be assigned a number. Members will receive a number of a lunch box/bag. If a member has a dietary restriction, she will be able to keep her own lunch box/bag. Julie will also be collecting canned or boxed goods for the local food bank. Members will receive a raffle ticket for every item donated. Julie also asked for round tablecloths and centerpieces.

Home tour – Laura Green and Kathy Bertrand are collecting items to be displayed at the homes on the tour. They need more items. Members can contact Kathy at 530-513-1695 about bringing them to her home after Thanksgiving. Items will be available to pick up after the home tour on the following Monday 2 – 4pm.

There was a question as to who and when items will be put into the homes. Beverly will handle that issue.

BREAK

Program: the following members showed quilts that they are particularly thankful for and told us why. Joan McWilliams, Kim Morris, Tina Bishop, Donna Greenwald, Mary Ann Cooper, Diane Whitcomb, Franci Lamb, Lynne Eads, and Carol Vick.

Linda Brown read a handmade thank you card from Nancy Mahler, the winner of our 2023 opportunity quilt. She also read a thank you note from the Paradise Elks club for donating a quilt for their raffle.

Block of the Month was won by Kim Morris.

Pick-a-Prize was won by Kim Morris, Judy Martinez, and Mary Rose Monney.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted by Joan McWilliams, secretary

Board Meeting: December 4, 2023

No action items.

Patriotic / Quilts of Valor:

At our December meeting we will be presenting Nathan Powell a quilt for our December Veteran of the Month program. Nathan served 6 years in active duty as a Black Hawk mechanic and now spends countless hours at the local Paradise Veterans Hall helping other veterans. He is an active member of the DAV 106 group here in Paradise.

I hope to make an award soon to a Quilt of Valor nominee that lives in Colusa and will report on that when awarded.

On the 1st Wednesday of February 7, 2024, I would like to ask members to come and help me make blocks for future patriotic quilts. I will also have kits pre-packaged if you would like to take one and work on it at home and then return the top.

It's been quiet on receiving nominations, so if you know a veteran who you want to nominate, please get the form online at our website and get it to me. While we were focusing on veterans who have helped in the community, our program is open to all veterans. Thanks, Linda Brown

By-Laws Committee:

The committee has met 3 times to go over the By-laws and Operating Procedures to make recommendations on some changes as well as update them to what we actually do vs. what it might have said we do.

The committee members are Mary Ann Cooper, Lynn Eads, Mary Ann Hagan, Lorrie Lundy and me. I want to thank them for assisting with this tedious but necessary task. We plan to present to the Board our recommendations at the January 2nd meeting. If approved, we will have the documents included with the January newsletter for adoption at the January General Meeting.

Linda Brown

Facebook:

Are you on Facebook? If so, are you also part of the Guild's Facebook page? If you are already on Facebook and not part of the Facebook Guild page, please stop by the Membership table at the meeting and let us know so that you can be added. The group is Private, so we don't get any ads or other annoying posts. It's just members talking about quilting and guild activities, we do not use this page as an advertising the Guild page – we use our website for that. Facebook is one of the ways we've used to let other members know what is going on. Don't miss out. Join us now. It is also a way that chairpersons ask for help on an event or project, so please if you are already on Facebook, join our private group.

If you are on Facebook and want to join the group, please email me at quiltlinda@gmail.com. I can send you a link. You must be a current member of the Guild to participate. Look forward to seeing you online.

We also have opened a Public Facebook page. Mindy Stark is operating it and she will be posting information on events that are of general interest. I think it helps if you are a Facebook member to find it and "like" it as it will generate more feeds.

Linda Brown

Home Tour Thank You from Joan McWilliams:

I would like to thank all the members that hosted at the 5 houses on the home tour. You all did a great job! I hope you also had fun. Thank you for volunteering to make this fundraiser a success.

Drop In: NEW DAYS AND TIMES!

There will be no Drop-In for the month of December as per the last Guild meeting discussion. In January, we will only be meeting on the 4th Wednesday, January 24th, from 9am-3pm. Some people may want to use this time to make or remake their name tag as mentioned at the last Guild meeting. Starting in February and thereafter, we will be meeting on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays 9am-3pm. When utilizing the drop-in facility, please be sure to bring whatever supplies you might need i.e iron, cutting mat, etc.

Joan Moore

Opportunity Quilt 2023:

At the October meeting Audrey Giroux drew the winning ticket and member Nancy Mahler was the surprised winner. We called her from the meeting and after some brief technical difficulties we connected and announced her winning. There were still several members at the meeting, and Nancy could hear people in the background congratulate her. The quilt was packed and shipped to her as she now resides in Washington State. We received a beautiful card thanking all of us for making and marketing and picking her as the winner. I'll bring the card to share at the meeting. It looks like a project for future boutiques – that is making cards to sell. Hey Nancy, did you have a pattern you want to share with us? Linda Brown

QOVF/Patriotic Quilts:

For the November Veteran of the Month, we will be presenting the recipient at our General Meeting, that's on Tuesday, November 21st. This month's veteran is Twede Danley who was nominated by last month's veteran Ron Lassonde. Twede has been very active in the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 106. He is a member of the Paradise Veterans Honor Guard who provide the last military honors to a veteran who has died. Additionally, the California QOVF has asked me (us) if we would be able to handle a request from a nominee in Colusa. I accepted the request and will be contacting the veteran soon to see about presenting a quilt. And who can go to Colusa without stopping at Friends around the Block. I'll be able to see how the new owner has updated the shop with her own style. On my way home, (after

stopping at Long John Silvers for fish and chips for hubby), I will be stopping at the quilt store in Live Oak....it's primarily a red, white and blue, patriotic store and Speri Machuga kindly donated a gift certificate she had won and I will get some more neutral fabrics for future patriotic quilts.

There are no official sew days for Quilts of Valor / Patriotic quilts for the balance of this year. I have found several patterns that are interesting and fairly easy to sew. In January, I should have several quilt kits available as well as quilt block kits so that you can go big or small based on how much you want to help. As always, I accept red, white, beige, gold, and blue fabrics and small hunks are just fine too....especially now since I have an electric Accuquilt. Linda Brown

NCQC:

Northern California Quilt Council will hold its first meeting of 2024 January 10 from 10 am - 12 pm at Pleasant Hill Community Center 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, This will be a Meet the teachers with fewer teachers but each will have 10 minutes presentation time instead of the usual 3 minutes. All Ridge Quilters are welcome.

Rae Hainley

Community Quilts:

Items received: 1-reading pillow, 8-quilts, 15-placemats, 3-quilt tops, 2- doll quilts

Gifted: 78-Quilts, 21-Pillow cases, 13-Wall hangings/table runners, 30-Walker bags, 58-Placemats, 9-hotpads, heart pillows, tote bags

Thank you to all who made gifting these items possible. Many heart felt appreciations were expressed upon receiving them.

Jeri Borrego

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

Happy Birthday

January

Janet Larson	Jan 18
Gail Muntifering	Jan 18
Nancy Mahler	Jan 21
Pam Howard	Jan 29

Membership:

There were 54 members signed in at our November 2023 meeting. We had two guests join us for the day and they were Julie Volkmer and Kalin Danley. We were so glad you joined us ladies.

Reminder! Starting in January 2024, we will begin collecting a quarter at the Membership sign in table each time a member forgets their name tags. Name tags are essential to many of us learning each other's name.

Starting with this newsletter, if there are very few updates to the roster, I will do my best to provide the name and the page number of changes to a member(s) personal update. For those who like having a hard copy of the roster this may help eliminate having to copy the whole document each time there is an update. In November there were three updates to the roster.

Debra McKasson has a new email address on Pg 5
Audrey Giroux email was corrected on Pg 3
Janet Lawson email was updated on Pg 4

Wishing everyone the happiest of holidays with plenty of quilting, creative time thrown in!

Mary Ann Hagan and Debra McKasson

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Calendar of Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
General meeting	Dec 19	Lutheran Church	10am - noon
Board meeting	Jan 2	Pine Grove club house	10am
NCQC	Jan 10	Pleasant Hill	10am - noon
General meeting	Jan 16	Lutheran Church	10am - noon
Workshop	Jan 17	Terry Ashe	9:30 – 3pm
Drop In	Jan 24	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm

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
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE

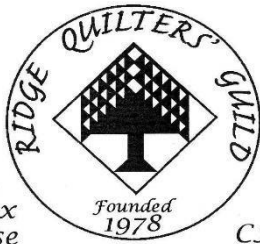
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Next General Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 10am-12

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

Next Board Meeting

Monday, 10:00am January 2 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

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