

Ridge Quilters' Guild January 2024

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President's Message

Happy New Year! I enjoy the holidays and the times spent with family and friends, but I also enjoy it when all the hurriedness fades and life returns to normal. That means I can go back to working on my endless list of UFO's – Unfinished Objects.

2023 was a good year as I only didn't finish 4 items – The Sunrise / Sunset project using the Wacky Fusion process; the Memory Bear; the Round Robin – it just needs to be quilted but I couldn't work it in; and Esther's Stars, it too just needs to be quilted. I am not going to count the others from past years that still haven't been completed that are in various stages from “fabric is pulled with the pattern”, “fabric is cut, with the pattern, in a box”, “kits that have been bought”, “I've started and have a couple of blocks done”, “center completed just need to add borders” and tops that just need to be quilted.

I don't think I have ADQD – that's Attention Deficit Quilting Disorder, but I sure am buying faster than I sew. I wonder how everyone else does it. I keep saying I won't start another project until I finish the ones that I've started but I can't say no to taking Workshop Classes. Not only do I like to support the Guild so that we continue to have great access to other methods and techniques, but I really like some of the upcoming classes.... check out the schedule in the Newsletter.

So, to help reduce the accumulation, I have begun making wall hanging sized items and I try and make the items in Christmas colors as I have lots of that kind of fabric and the Home Tour always enjoys new items for display.

So, remember how much fun you had when you were working on the Home Tour? Well, the Quilt Show is happening this year, and you will have even more fun, I promise. To begin with we are holding a meeting on January 10, at 10:00 a.m. at 1368 Garnet Lane – the Clubhouse at the Pine Grove Mobile Home Park just off Clark Rd by the

Paradise Alliance Church. We will go over the various sub-committees that we have had in the past and get members to volunteer to work. First, we will get a firm decision on the location, and then vendors can be invited. Future meetings will be held as we go through the year. The dates for the show will be October 19 – 20, 2024. PIQF (Pacific International) has moved to July so there will not be a conflict and locally Johnny Appleseed Days happens on the first weekend of October.

This is our major fund-raising event this year. It takes everyone participating in some form to pull it off. There will be a Boutique and Pick a Prize baskets, in addition to our quilts.

And lastly, this year I want to focus on our interaction within our community more. We are actively involved with our Education Outreach committee in the schools. Our new program of Veteran of the Month is gradually and slowly coming around. Our Community Service committee continues to provide comfort and support. I hope you all are making pink / purple placemats so the Moms' on the Ridge can use them for their upcoming Daughter / Father dinner and dance. Contact Becky Ray about the particulars.

Happy Quilting! Linda Brown

BY LAWS: I want to thank the By-law committee members Mary Ann Cooper, Lynn Eads, Mary Ann Hagan, and Lorrie Lundy.

After several meetings we presented to the Board at their December meeting the By-Laws and Operating Procedures that are included with the newsletter this month. Many of the changes are grammatical in nature, such eliminating “Standing Committees” and just calling them “Committees”.

We added a couple of duties to our very important committees, Quilt Show and Home Tour, that the chair makes a report to the Board by May following

the event. That report would then be included in the binder that can go to the next chair. This will help with continuity, so the next person(s) doesn't have to remember what was done and what worked or what needed tweaking.

One major change being recommended is to stagger our Board officers' terms. First the terms would be extended to 2-year terms with a maximum of two 2-year terms in succession. For 2024-25 the President and Secretary will be voted on a 2-year term, the two VP positions and Treasurer will be voted on a 1-year term. Thereafter, in 2025-26 the two VP positions and Treasurer will be voted on for a 2-year term. This will help with continuity as many times the Board officers just about figure out their roll and responsibilities and then typically and voted to serve another term. By staggering the terms, we should not run into a scenario where all of the Board members are new and have to learn very quickly.

As with current practices, if a Board member is unable to fulfill their term for whatever reason, they submit a letter of resignation, and the remaining Board members vote to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Those vacancies are brought to the General Membership for affirmation.

Another change is we have named the "Addendum to the By-Laws – Operating Procedures" just to Operating Procedures. The difference between the two documents is the By-laws typically is the more formal, legal document while the Operating Procedures are more guidelines to our current practices.

The documents attached have strikeouts where words are being removed, and red are the new words being added. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Linda Brown

Veteran of the Month / Quilts of Valor:

For January, we received a nomination while we were attending the Vets Car Show. The veteran is a Vietnam War veteran who served 2 years in the Army. He is also a Camp Fire survivor who is rebuilding his life back. Let us thank Rolfe Rierson for his service and welcome him back to his home in Paradise.

At the February 7, Drop In, I will have kits for Patriotic blocks and kits for making a Patriotic top. I plan to use that day working on blocks so that we can continue to keep our inventory ahead of our requests.

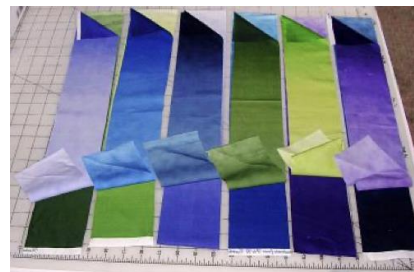
Nominations have not been coming in lately, I am assuming that the holidays had everyone focused on other things and commitments. The nomination forms are on the Guild website so if you know a veteran that you'd like to nominate please complete the form and get it turned back in.

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

Programs & Workshops:

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, wait list. Check out Colleen's web site- colleenpelfreyquilts.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.com

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

March 19th- We have rescheduled Joy Lily. She is a silk painter, dyer, quilt maker and fabric printer from San Francisco. Her work has been displayed and she has taught both nationally and internationally. Her program is called 101 Quilts Later: Why I Did It And What I Learned. A collection of small quilts she challenged herself to do to learn from. Check out her website at- <http://joy-lily.com>

March 20th- Workshop is Ombre Magic. She will share her fast, easy dye painting technique. We will turn fat quarters into smooth gradient pieces of dark to light color and also from one color to another. Signups will begin in January, class filled quickly last time. Class is \$35, plus \$10 for supplies payable to Joy Lily at workshop. You bring an assortment of white cotton fat quarters.

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 abquilt.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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Ridge Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes December 19, 2023 Lutheran Church, Paradise

President, Linda Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Members were asked to silence their phones.
2. Leslie Bruening made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Victoria Patterson seconded. The motion passed with 1 nay.
3. Kim Morris reported the guild spent \$1,67.88 (mostly for the cash in the home tour boxes) and brought in \$498.00, which does not include the Home Tour monies.
4. The Home Tour brought in \$8,833.20. The expense was \$393.92 for a net profit of \$8,439.28. This is twice what the budget anticipated. Over 200 tickets were sold.

5. By-laws: there was a discussion about raising the yearly dues. However, the profit from the Home Tour has changed that prospect. Another item under consideration is the terms of the board members. It is proposed that the board positions change to 2-year terms and the board positions stagger their terms. Therefore, the board will never be all new members and allow for some continuity. The proposals of the committee will be presented to the board in January and if approved, submitted to the general membership for approval at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Linda made a presentation of a patriotic quilt to Nathan Powell. He was a 6-year veteran who did maintenance for Black Hawk helicopters. He is also active in DAV. Linda also asked for more nominations.
2. Linda is going to try to shorten the business part of our meetings and allow 30 minutes for the break. She wants everyone to get their visiting done during that period and not talk during the speaker presentation.
3. The Elements 3 program has not been fully set up. Linda will contact the new person regarding that.

SHOW & TELL: participants were Mary Ann Hagan, Gail Muntifering, Mary Rose Monney, and Linda Brown. Mary Rose showed a small pineapple pattern quilt that she bought at a second-hand store for \$14. It was made by one of the guild's late members, Elizabeth Brown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Home Tour – Betty Iijima will bring the leftover cookies to the January meeting. The hot items in the Boutique were holiday themed placemats, napkins, and table runners.
Programs & Workshops – Donna Greenwald talked about the January speaker, Colleen Pelfrey. February will be Melissa and Mom, but only Mom will be here. The workshop will be making a tote or purse.
Membership – Mary Ann Hagan announced that there were 38 present, and 4 guests. She announced

that starting next month, she will be charging 25 cents for a paper name tag per our by-laws.
Drop In – Joan Moore announced the new schedule. Drop In will continue at the Terry Ashe Center but the days will be the first and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 9am – 3pm. There will be no Drop In on January 3, however. The February 7 Drop In will be a patriotic quilt sew-in.
Quilt Show – PIQF is moving its date to July and will no longer interfere with our October quilt shows. Also, our show will be 2 weeks before the Annie's Star quilt show. There will be a meeting on January 10 at Linda Brown's clubhouse to start planning for our show in October. The theme is "Rainbows in Paradise".

A committee was formed to decide how to spend the extra money made from the home tour. The committee members are Cherylann Bullock, Audrey Giroux, and Donna Greenwald. Julie Heussner explained how the sack lunch exchange will work and then called numbers for members to pick their sack lunches. The winner of the canned food drive was Betty Iijima.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:26.
Respectfully submitted by Joan McWilliams, secretary

Board Meeting: January 2, 2024

The board voted to approve changes to the by-laws and operating procedures. The changes will now be submitted to the membership at the January meeting.

Opportunity Quilt:

We have a date to take our new quilt to Yuba City guild meeting on January 31. It is an evening meeting and is actually in Marysville. Very easy to find and great parking.

If you are available and would like to go. Please give either Speri or Becky a call.
Thank you!

Drop In: NEW DAYS AND TIMES!

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

Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter:

The Ridge Quilters are hosting the MEET THE TEACHERS program here in Paradise at the Terry Ashe building January 27. This is a gathering of prospective teachers looking to book programs and classes.

Program and workshop chairs from the North State are encouraged to attend.

We will be providing a lunch for all those interested. And this is why I am writing to you. I am asking members to make a pot of chili, to be served in a crock. Or cornbread. A couple of you have said you would help and if you still want to cook. Let me know for sure. Would love a non-meat option.

Anyone with chaffing pans I can borrow? Would like to keep cornbread warm. We will not be using the kitchen.

I'd say 5 pots of chili should do the trick. I believe I have three promised and one person on corn bread so far. *If you would be willing to make chili but wish to be reimbursed for your cost, that can be arranged. Thank you!

Please contact Becky Ray 530-873-3132

Community Service Opportunity:

A new opportunity to connect with our community. The Moms of the Ridge Nonprofit is hosting a Daughter / Father dance and dinner on February 9th. We asked if they were interested in placemats for their dinner with the attendees taking the placemats with them. The Moms group was thrilled. So here is our challenge this month. Their decorating colors are Pink and Purple, any design placemats with the finished dimensions being 12" x 16" -- we suggest that you use the envelope style for these so no binding. You can use the stitch and flip method for the top, (fabric is sewn to the batting method not the backing) trim the top to 12-1/2 x 16-1/2" and then add a backing, stitch 1/4" around leaving a 4" opening. Trim the corners, turn it, then hand sew the opening and then stitch 1/4" around to

lock it in. I top-stitched in the ditch of my example below Any design will work.

We have a number of donated pink and purple fabrics that can be used for the tops and a large piece for the backing, Becky has over 50 batting pieces ready to go -- or whatever you want to use. Kits will be available at the General Meeting but the finished placemats need to be returned by January 30th so we can get them to Moms that week.



Any questions or needs call Becky at 530-873-3132. I can pick up and deliver.

Community Quilts:

New QUILT LABELS are here. The new quilt labels for the Guild are folded in half and sewn into the binding. Each quilt we gift needs to have a quilt label on it. Audrey will have the new labels at the January meeting.

Thank you to Becky and Audrey who have helped with community service in my absence.

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

February

Mary Rose Monney	Feb 1
Florence Beauchemin	Feb 11
Patti Taylor	Feb 12
Wendy Fuller	Feb 15
Linda Menicucci	Feb 17
Patty Hart	Feb 20
Suzi Enders	Feb 21
Mary Ellen Mallan	Feb 22
Cyndy Gollnick	Feb 26
Ginger Medbery	Feb 27

Registration is open now (members \$75 & non-members \$85) - don't miss this opportunity and register today!

Cheers, Sam

ST Sam McIlraith

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Embroidered quilt labels
Computerized edge to edge quilting
Memory bears/pillows/tshirt quilts

Membership:

There were 34 members attending the December meeting and luncheon. The sack lunches didn't come in brown bags but in wonderfully creative wrappings! We had four guests, which were Nathan Powell, who was honored as the Veteran of the Month. Attending with him were Christina, Jazon and Jayden.

Another gentle reminder of two by-law items going into effect at the next meeting are:

1. Members forgetting to wear their name badges will be ask to pay .25
2. Whenever we have a meeting with a paid speaker, all guests will be required to pay a \$5.00 fee to attend.

Lastly, there were no changes or addition to the current roster.

Happy New Year's Everyone!

Mary Ann and Debra

Virtual Class Opportunity:

San Francisco Quilters Guild has a few openings in a virtual workshop being taught by the fabulous **Sheila Frampton Cooper** - coming up early this February. We would greatly appreciate it if you could promote to your guild. I realize this is quickly approaching, if there is anything you can do, we would be so grateful.





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

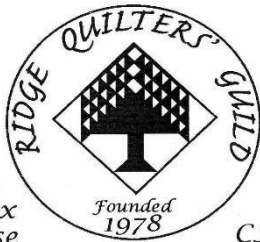
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SAT. SEPTEMBER 16 10AM - 4PM

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<u>Calendar of Events</u>			
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
General meeting	Jan 16	Lutheran Church	10 - noon
Workshop	Jan 17	Terry Ashe	9:30-3pm
Drop In	Jan 24	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm
Board meeting	Feb 5	Pine Grove club house	10am
Drop In	Feb 7	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm
General meeting	Feb 20	Lutheran Church	10 - noon
Workshop	Feb 21	Terry Ashe	9:30–3pm
Drop In	Feb 28	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm



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Next General Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 10am-12

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

Next Board Meeting

Monday, 10:00am February 5 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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