

Ridge Quilters' Guild March 2024

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President's Message

Well, did you enjoy the big Snowmagedon that didn't happen? I know I was happy not to see the predicted feet of snow. While I love seeing it snow and at least covering the ground for a day or two, I want it to melt and be gone too. The gloomy weather wears on me and I look forward to sunny days (not hot days).

So, it will be nice to learn about the Challenge that Ann Slocum and Leanne Kromer have in store for us as I think the Challenge will include the theme of the Quilt Show, "Rainbows in Paradise".

Rainbows are a colorful reminder to me that there is a blessing after the rain. We need water for our plants, trees, and flowers. When the rainbows appear, it means that the sun is beginning to shine and bring us warmth to help our plants grow.

Our older members are like rainbows. They can help our newer members grow in their quilting journey.

Newer members need to learn some techniques and get a bit of watering from older members in learning those skills. Newer members will not be able to pick up those skills at the general meetings. Those skills can be picked up at the Workshops that are held by our speaker from the general meeting or by attending a Workday hosted by the Guild during Drop In.

Later this month on March 27th the Drop In will feature working on Boutique items to be sold at the Quilt Show or other events. We will learn and share together how to complete some small items. Not everyone has to sew at the Drop In. I'm sure there will be cutting out, ironing and maybe some handwork that needs to be done. And the best part is we get to visit each other and get more connected. And if you are working on something else you had in mind to donate to the Boutique, please come and spend the afternoon with us.

The Board was looking at the calendar for Drop In's next year. Beginning in July, we are looking at having a 5-hour block of time, from either 9 – 2 or 10 – 3. Since I am an early bird, I prefer the early shift. But I will get the consensus of members at the March meeting to lock in the times. We plan to keep the 4th Wednesday of the month focused on Boutique making activities, and we will look to see if we can find members willing to share a technique or offer a mini class. If you have any suggestions, please let me know, in between time, happy quilting.

Linda Brown, president

Thank You!!

I am honored to be chosen by my fellow quilters to be this year's featured quilter.

My sewing career started as a youngster creating doll clothes. By age 12, I was designing and making my own clothes. During college I sewed for others, mostly wedding and bridesmaid dresses. I made small appliquéd dresses to prom dresses for my daughter and blankets for her horse. Our homes needed curtains, drapes, bedspreads and upholstery.

I thought I had pretty much made everything there was that included fabric until I experienced quilting. In 1997, we bought a mountain house and I had 6 beds needing covering. I took my first quilt class-Eleanor Burns, Quilt in a Day. It definitely took more than a day. I liked the process and my quilt held up for 23 years on the bed! My next endeavor was a queen size with over 3800 tiny pieces! After that I learned to choose my patterns more carefully!

I was so excited to find this new outlet, everyone got quilts! I got hooked on going to quilt shows everywhere! I moved to Chico and in 2009 Ann Slocum said let's take a class from Donna Greenwald. Donna opened me up to a whole new world of fusing, thread painting, and embellishments called art quilts, which are still my favorite to create.

I wouldn't call myself a traditional quilter, I get bored making repetitive blocks. I love the creative process of making a colorful quilt whether it be with a pattern or my own design. I have enjoyed dying and printing my own fabrics. I like to choose designs that will challenge me with fabric elections, new techniques, or a free motion quilting challenge.

Thank you to my fellow guild members who have inspired me to challenge myself and for nominating me to be your featured quilter. An honor I will always cherish.

Leeanne Kromer

Ridge Quilters' Guild
General Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2023
Lutheran Church, Paradise

President, Linda Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Members were asked to silence their phones.
2. Doug Runkle accepted a quilt as our Veteran of the Month. He served in the navy for 10 years. More recently, he has been a VIP. Karen Horn presented Doug with the quilt that she made specifically for him. Doug thanked us and wanted everyone to remember that wives of service men also make sacrifices.
3. Cathy Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Mary Ellen Mallan seconded. The motion passed.
4. Kim Morris reported the guild spent \$2,491.50 and brought in \$221.14.
5. Linda reminded everyone to sign up for Grouper.
6. The Featured Quilter for our quilt show in October will be announced in our March newsletter. Linda reminded everyone to vote today.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Linda asked for volunteers for our Nominating Committee. Franci Lamb, Victoria Patterson, Kathy Roessler, and Audrey Giroux responded. The board

positions are as follows: both VPs and treasurer for 1-year terms; President and secretary for 2-year terms. These term lengths will bring us up to our new terms per our updated Operating Procedures.

2. The next quilt show meeting will be March 15, at 9:30am at the Pine Grove clubhouse.
3. Linda asked if the membership wanted a judged show this year. It was decided that Arlene Arnold would judge our show. She will present first, second, and third place ribbons. She will come to the guild and explain what judges are looking for. There will continue to be a Viewer's Choice award.
4. Drop In is not well attended. The membership voted to only have Drop In when there is a topical reason, such as community quilts, or boutique items.

SHOW & TELL: participants were Gail Muntifering, Cathy Anderson, and Betty Iijima.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pick-a-Prize & Treasure Table – Franci Lamb showed the 2 prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the break. She also reported that the items on the Treasure Table are all that she has. She asked for more donations.

Programs & Workshops – Next month Joy Lily will be the speaker and she will hold a workshop, as well. Anna Lee Belden will come to our guild in April with her Dresden Plate pattern.

Membership – Mary Ann Hagan announced that there were 52 present. Our total membership is 105.

Community Service – Jeri Machado reported that she received 6 quilt tops, 3 completed quilts, and 4 placemats today. She has new labels to be sewn into the binding of the quilts and would like any old labels returned.

NCQC - Rae Hainley announced the following quilt shows: Yuba City March 9 – 10, Oakland March 23 – 24, Loomis April 19 -m 20, and Livermore June 22 – 23.

Boutique – Tina Bishop and Speri Machuga suggested the following items for the boutique. Holiday themed items such as placemats, table runners, etc. There will be a workshop to make

some items, including gnomes. Speri displayed apple pin cushions to be made and sold at the Johnny Appleseed festival in October. There will be a workshop at Drop In the fourth Wednesday of March.

Retreat - Kim, Tina, and Debbie are now taking reservations for the retreat. Unfortunately, they were not able to obtain discounts at any of the local motels.

Opportunity Quilt – Speri Machuga is now selling packets of 13 tickets for \$10 to the membership.

Hospitality – Annette Carey will be passing around the sign-up sheet for next month's refreshments.

BREAK

Eileen Milligan of Melissa and Mom was our speaker. She and her daughter, Melissa create and sell patterns. She had examples of those patterns with varying fabric themes.

The **Pick-a-Prize** winners were Ruth Berger and Flo Beauchemin. The winner of the Block of the Month was Lynn Englund.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

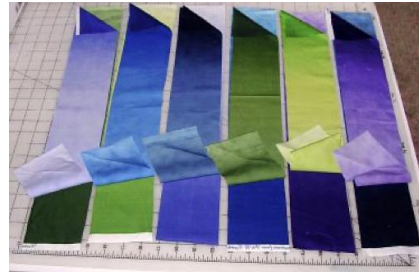
Respectfully submitted by Joan McWilliams, secretary

Programs & Workshops:

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. Sign-ups 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.

Pictures from Joy Lily workshop:



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 www.abquilt.com

April 17th- Anelie Belden's 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. Workshop; \$30 pattern is included. Stop by the workshop table to sign up.



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

Donna Greenwald (thegreenwalds@comcast.net),

Leeanne Kromer (lkromer99@gmail.com)

Sue Edell (Stuart9624@comcast.net)

Board Meeting: March 4, 2024

There were no action items to report.

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. There have been some changes from our team leaders with regard to positions and length of service.

If you or someone you know would like to serve in a position please contact Franci Lamb, 530-966-0770. 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!

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.

Thank you - Franci Lamb

Chester Retreat:

IT'S TIME! To sign up for our annual retreat in Chester. This year's retreat is from Tuesday, May 14th thru Friday May 17th at the Recreation Center in Chester (our usual place). Be sure to bring \$40 in cash or check to our February meeting, as you aren't officially registered until you have paid.

As usual we will have some prizes, a few quick workshops, and a trip to Country Pines in Susanville, if you are interested. Best of all, there will be time for lots of stitching and catching up with old friends and new.

Looking forward to this wonderful time with all of you. If you have questions, please talk to Kim Morris, Deb Storz, or Tina Bishop.

QUILT SHOW 2024 – RAINBOWS IN PARADISE

We are happy to announce that we have a venue as well as confirmation that the date of October 19-20, 2024, is available. The Elk's Lodge has provided us a reasonable price for their facilities. This will help make things a bit easier as we held our last show there and that means the floor plan is basically done with a few minor tweaks. There are still a couple of committees that need a chair. *Pick – a – Prize* -- This committee asks members to donate a completed basket or items to go into a basket. It would be nice to have somewhere between 10 – 20 nice baskets. The committee can get items donated from national suppliers of quilting supplies by writing them for a donation, such as Quilter's Dream batting or Quiltfolk Magazine, or see if local stores would offer items. If you attend the Yuba City Quilt Show, their baskets will give you lots of ideas. I've seen baskets that had a theme of flowers, so it would include gardening tools, seeds, some gardening themed fabric or a garden themed pattern, and a plant.

The Pick a Prize committee has a small budget to augment the items in the baskets as needed. Then they are wrapped in clear wrap with an appropriate bow to make it look enticing with a recap of what's in the basket. It just takes a couple of ladies who can coordinate getting the baskets together and then get members to work a shift at the show.

Memorial – This committee provides a small display to commemorate the members who have passed away since our last quilt show. It normally will include a picture of the quilter and a brief bio and perhaps some pictures of their quilts.

The Quilt Committee is recommending that this year we have a “judged” show. This would be an opportunity for personal growth in your quilting. An independent judge, Arlene Arnold, would review the quilts that members want to enter and make notes about the quilt. Members who have participated in larger quilt shows have expressed they really enjoyed getting feedback so they can make their quilts better. This would not cost the

members and would be totally voluntary. The judge will be the one to award the ribbons to quilts in each category.

At the show, attendees will only vote on Viewer's Choice. There would be 3 places. We will get consensus at the General Meeting. If you feel strongly one way or another, please let us know.

We are tentatively booking Arlene Arnold to present at our July meeting "What judges are looking for".

Linda Brown

Unleash Your quilting Potential – For Free!

Great news for our quilting enthusiasts! In an exciting partnership with Grouper, Ridge Quilters Guild now offers free memberships to eligible Medicare Advantage and Supplement plan holders. Don't let membership fees keep you from enjoying your passion for quilting. Check your eligibility today and get your Ridge Quilters Guild membership covered without any cost! Check your eligibility today! (GrouperGroups.com/RGQ)

QUILT SHOW 2024 – RAINBOWS IN PARADISE – What's happening

Congratulations to the Featured Quilter – Leanne Kromer. There should be an article regarding Leanne and her accomplishments elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Pick – a – Prize -- This committee is still looking for a couple of ladies to step up to the table and lead. At the Home Tour this component earned the guild nearly \$900. That is a lot of \$\$ to leave on the table. The committee asks members to donate a completed basket or items to go into a basket. It would be nice to have somewhere between 10 – 20 nice baskets. The committee can get items donated from national suppliers of quilting supplies by writing them for a donation, such as Quilter's Dream batting or Quiltfolk Magazine, or see if local stores would offer items. If you attend the Yuba City Quilt Show, their baskets will give you lots of ideas. I've seen baskets that had a theme of flowers, so it would include gardening tools, seeds, some gardening themed fabric or a garden themed

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Memorial – This committee is also looking for a leader. The committee provides a small display to commemorate the members who have passed away since our last quilt show. It normally will include a picture of the quilter and a brief bio and perhaps some pictures of their quilts. We've lost about 4-5 members since the last quilt show.

The next meeting is going to be March 15, at 9:30 am and will be held at Franci Lamb's house located at 6478 Alexander Court (located off Bille Extension). We will be going over what the various committees have done and sharing ideas. If you are interested in helping, especially with one of the open committees, please come by and see where you can assist.

Linda Brown and Kim Morris

Drop In:

We continue to have Drop In on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 9am-3pm. We are eager to focus on a particular theme at each drop in and would love input from the members. March 6th was a patriotic workshop and March 27th will be a Boutique Workshop for the upcoming Quilt show in October. Joan Moore

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

Veteran of the Month / Quilts of Valor

For March, we have chosen Habriel Ward who is a Navy veteran. Habriel has been active in our community through the Firesafe Council, the Garden Club, and being on the Customer Relations Board with the Paradise Irrigation District.

At the newsletter deadline, I have not been able to confirm when he will accept the quilt. He recently was diagnosed with some health issues that need attention. His wife will be getting back to me, and I will let members know. Even if we present it to him in private, pictures will be taken and updated on our website and both the public and private Facebook pages.

We have a pending Quilt of Valor recipient in Susanville. I might try and reach out to him to see if he could stop by one of the days of the retreat in May. Otherwise, it will have to be later when I know that the weather is conducive to a trip up there.

We had a great day at the Patriotic Workday, March 6th. About a dozen kits were made up, 3 that went home with those that were helping make up the kits, thank you!! I will have the balance at the March meeting as well as I have 5 tops that need to be quilted.

I hope your hearts are as warm as mine when I help with this project. I especially love the feeling of presenting a quilt to a deserving veteran. Many of the veterans that we have given to are Vietnam Veterans and hopefully our acts of kindness will make a dent in the way many were treated at that time.

Linda Brown

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:

Colors of the Valley 41st Annual Quilt Show
Yuba- Sutter Valley Quilt Guild March 9 (10 am - 5 pm) and March 10 (10 am - 4 pm)
442 Franklin Avenue Yuba City Admission \$8

2024 Voices In Cloth - East Bay Heritage Quilters March 23 (10. Am- 5 pm) and March 24 (10 am - 4 pm) Henry J. Kaiser Building
10th Street Oakland Admission \$10/day or if bought together \$15

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 Quilts:

Received: Quilt tops – 6, Completed quilts - 13
Placemats - 40

Gifted: Reading pillow – 1, Quilts - 2

As I mentioned at the meeting, I depleted the completed quilt inventory during the holidays. We have received a few over the last few months, but we are desperately in need of quilters. We have about 8 totes full of unquilted tops. I bring several totes of tops, batting and backing bundles to each meeting. We really need to concentrate on getting these quilted before accepting more quilt tops.

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

March 9-10 Yuba Sutter Valley guild.

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

Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds:

This is the organization where we get "group" liability insurance for the guild. The savings have been tremendous for our guild. They are like NCQC and have quarterly Zoom meetings. While I was not able to attend the actual meeting from their January meeting, I did watch the recorded meeting as their speaker was of interest.

The speaker was Dr. Linda Wilson, Professor of Computer Science, Texas Lutheran University and her topic was Important Cyber Security. The information was so powerful that I felt I had to share it with all the members. The highlights were how important it is to keep up with how the scammers work at getting into our personal information and what they can do to create havoc in our lives.

There have been a couple of suspicious emails purporting to be me being sent to members of the Guild. The suspicious emails seem to be generated from the Guild email address. What I have learned is that we need to take this more seriously. The biggest suggestion Dr. Wilson provided was changing our passwords every 6 – 12 months and to use a different one for each website we visit regularly. I know that is a pain, but just like we would not leave our cars unlocked with the keys in the ignition, we need to take precautions.

If you would like to watch the meeting yourself to get all of the tips that were given, you can go to <https://www.sccqg.org/> and on the front page the January 13th meeting has a link as well as the password to use for the meeting.

I came away with I am going to subscribe to a Password keeper app that will protect all my passwords while I only must remember one to access them. The professor recommended 3 of them which I will research which one meets my needs.

Paradise Art Center

The Paradise Art Center is interested in displaying some of our fiber art during their member shows. What is fiber art? It is anything made with fibers - cloth, yarn, embellishments etc.

Membership dues are \$40 a year. When you display something at a show, you can list a selling price. The art center takes a small percentage of the sale but the majority of the sale goes to the artist. The art center also has monthly displays of art for sale at Nic's. Hopefully if you are in the restaurant take a look at the art on the walls.

Wouldn't it be great if we could have our own fiber art show displaying the talent of our guild at one of their member shows? Take a look at their web site.
Ann Slocum

Happy Birthday

April

Marie LeRossignol	April 6
Helen Carbonaro	April 15
Barbara Thomas	April 15
Laura Greene	April 16
Alice Geer	April 17
Mary Jane Howe	April 21
Nancy Selby	April 24
Audrey Giroux	April 24
Caitlin Matthews	April 29
Debra McKasson	April 30

Hearing Aid Batteries

I have lots of P13 batteries for my husband's old hearing aids. Give me a call if you have a device that can use this size battery.

Joan McWilliams 530-872-2976

For Sale:

Joann's cutting table with drop leaf sides, opens up to about 6' by 42" and with the sides down, it's about 42" by 15". I bought one that has storage drawers in it, so this is extra. Asking \$75.

Linda Brown 530-520-8006



<u>Calendar of Events</u>			
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Board meeting	Mar 4	Pine Grove club house	10am
Drop In Patriotic sew-in	Mar 6	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm
General meeting	Mar 19	Lutheran Church	10 - noon
Workshop	Mar 20	Terry Ashe	9:30–3pm
Drop In	Mar 27	Terry Ashe	9 – 3pm
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

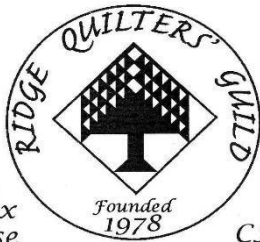
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Embroidered quilt labels
Computerized edge to edge quilting
Memory bears/pillows/tshirt quilts



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Next General Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 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

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