



AUGUST 2025 NEWS

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President Message

Hot August Nights and Opportunity Quilt Insights

July brought us some pleasantly moderate weather—certainly a nice break from the typical summer heat. As we move into August, I find myself wondering: will we experience any of those famous “Hot August Nights”? I wouldn’t mind a little warmth, especially since I have a trip planned to the Fort Bragg area next week. I always enjoy visiting, but I was hoping for the reprieve to the cooler coastal temperatures that August usually brings.

Meanwhile, I continue working alongside a talented team on our **2026 Opportunity Quilt**. It’s been a fun and rewarding challenge, especially since I’ve ventured outside my comfort zone into the world of *appliqué*. *Traditionally, I’ve only done raw edge appliqué, but this project has pushed me to try something new—and I’m loving it!*

If you haven’t heard of the **Appliquik method**, I highly recommend checking it out. This video was a game changer for me: • <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPGpHwcndWU>
It’s truly boosted my confidence and has me feeling like I’ve graduated to “big girl” appliqué!

Ever Wonder How Opportunity Quilts Come Together?

Each year, our guild creates an Opportunity Quilt to be raffled off—alternating between our **Home Tour (odd-numbered years)** and **Quilt Show (even-numbered years)**. But have you ever wondered how the idea gets started?

Usually, it begins when a member or group is inspired by a beautiful quilt they’ve seen or a pattern they’d love to try. Sometimes, a generous member donates a full quilt kit that has become more project than they can handle. The concept is brought to the Board for approval, and once it’s given the green light, that individual or group constructs the quilt. Once completed, it’s quilted, photographed, and promoted—then tickets go on sale for that year’s big event.

To help streamline publicity and branding, we try to align the theme of the Opportunity Quilt with that of the Quilt Show during show years.

Per our by-laws, each member is asked to sell or purchase \$10 worth of Opportunity Quilt tickets annually. Because we are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, these raffles are an essential part of our **fundraising efforts**, supporting both our **Community Service** and **Education Outreach** programs.

So next time you see that stunning Opportunity Quilt hanging at a meeting or event, know there’s a story—and a whole lot of heart—behind it. And if you’ve ever had a quilt idea or kit you’re willing to share, don’t hesitate to bring it forward. You might just spark our next showstopper!

Happy sewing, Linda Brown

General Meeting Minutes July 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order by
Linda Brown at 10:00 a.m.

Old Business

1. Linda asked all to silence their phones.
2. Our June Veteran of the Month is Ray Howard. He was in the Air Force for many years and served in many locations. He visited many quilt stores through the years with his wife Pam. He even knows the names of many blocks and is very appreciative of all of the effort it takes to make one.
3. Kim Morris moved that we accept the minutes from our June meeting as printed in the Newsletter. Flo Beauchemin seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
4. Kim Morris reported that in June we spent \$1,154.16 and we received \$2,106.25.
5. Our visiting Opportunity Quilt is from Yuba City. Coleen Pelfry and Sandra Torres displayed their monochromatic quilt, the pattern is "Harmony". The theme for their next quilt show is "Three Part Harmony". Many members helped to make it.

New Business

1. **Annual Audit.** Our bylaws require that we have an annual audit of our financial records. Linda asked for a member-at-large who would be available to meet at the Terry Ash Center this Thursday, July 17th, to review the documentation verifying our expenses. Victoria Patterson volunteered.

Committee Reports— From General Meeting Minutes

BOM. Joan McWilliams. A paper pattern will be provided each month. There will be an example to see each month. If you have one of Debbie Sharrett's handwritten name tags from last year please let us know. If not, we will make a new one for you.

Membership. Mary Ann Hagan. We have 41 members signed in today. We also have 3 guests. Our new year began July 1. At the end of June we had 97 members. We have 62 paid members. Members who have not paid will receive a reminder this week. On September 1 we will purge the roster. A copy of the new roster will be available with the September Newsletter or on The Facebook page, look under Files.

Hospitality. Lynn Englund. Lynn circulated the list for August refreshments.

Newsletter. Speri Machuga. It is the beginning of the new year so if you would like to advertise or have a business card in the Newsletter please send a digital copy to Speri at sewitt-berry@gmail.com. Details are listed in the Newsletter.

Committee Reports. The Board Meeting is on the calendar and that day an email will go out requesting your reports due within a few days later. To submit your report **reply** to that email and attach your newsletter information and pictures by the deadline.

Home Tour Boutique. Speri Machuga. We are still collecting items for Home Tour Boutique. Thank you for all you have made already! Non-Christmas items are fine.

Community Service. Lorrie Lundy and Jenny Amerine. We went through all of the donations that have been in the storage unit. It was heartwarming. Currently we have 57 quilts finished: 17 crib, 5 twins, and 35 lap. A lot of effort has gone into these items. We still have 5 bins of quilt tops to go through. So we will be having a Community Service Day to make a plan for how to finish these quilts. We will come up with a date. We all need to participate in the finishing of these quilts.

Programs and Workshops. Sue Edell from Programs and Victoria Patterson from Workshops.

- August: A trunk show by Karen Bolan. And a workshop on machine quilting on Wednesday at the Terry Ashe Center. \$30.
- September: Kathy Thomas from Chico. Her workshop is titled 'Fibers to Fabric'
- October: Jane Haworth. The workshop is a Sunflower Collage.

North Quarter Meeting. Meeting July 26th. Linda is going if you would like to join her. The meeting is in Sutter and the subject is Community Service. It is a nice way to find out what is going on in other guilds.

Show and Tell. Linda Brown. Ann Slocum. Laura Green. Speri Machuga. Joan McWilliams. Jamie Kalanquin. Peggy Price. Cathy Anderson. Cherylann Bullock. Wendy Fuller. Tina Bourdette. Kathy Bertrand. Karla Quintana.

We enjoyed member demonstrations.
Please turn your phones back on.
We adjourned at 11:55 pm.

The August Board meeting will be held Monday, August 4th at 10am at Trilogy Construction.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Machuga, Secretary



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 8/19 Guild Meeting @ 780 Luther Drive, 10:00am
- 8/20 Workshop—Karen Bolan
- 8/28 Drop In– Community Service
- 9/2 Board Meeting @ 7030 Skyway, Paradise at 10:00am
- 9/4 Drop In– Placemats
- 9/11 Drop In– Freezer Paper FPP
- 9/12 Home Tour Mtg 9:30— Cherylann's house @ 5082 Lago Vista
- 9/16 Guild Meeting @ 780 Luther Drive, 10:00am
- 9/17 Workshop—Kathy Thomas



Happy Birthday September!

Drop In– Every Thursday 9:30 to 1:30!

From 9:30 to 1:30 at Terry Ashe Recreation Center in the back classroom. We do have some special themed drop ins coming up.

Open to all guild members!



PICK-A-PRIZE WINNERS: Please return the baskets & display so that it can be reused to Victoria Patterson. Thank you!!



- 9/1 Marge Eggert
- 9/3 Jan Hardy
- 9/6 Linda Brown
- 9/8 Tina Bourdette
- 9/12 Betty Iijima
- 9/14 Ruth Berger
- 9/15 Suzanne DuFrane
- 9/22 Shirley Vincent
- 9/26 Cathy Anderson
- 9/27 Ann Slocum

Programs & Workshops

Workshops: A reminder that when you sign up for a workshop, you need to pay in advance of the workshop. The workshop presenter requires the number of participants prior to the workshop, and as of late, it appears that if one is not signed up and paid, they are not attending.

Call/Text Victoria Patterson (707) 480-4247 to sign up for a workshop or visit the table during monthly meetings with Donna Greenwald. Workshops start at 10:00, you may arrive at 9:30 to setup at Terry Ashe Recreation Center.

August 19th—Karen Bolan is our speaker from Santa Rosa. The program is Engineer your Quilts! <https://www.karenbolan.com/>

August 20th— Workshop on Machine Quilting with Karen Bolan with a cost of \$30 and limited to 16 sign ups.

September 16th— Kathy Thomas, a local talented quilter from Chico will be showing off her quilts with a Trunk Show. Ice Cream Social to be offered at the break.

September 17th—Workshop is Fibers into Fabric with Kathy Thomas with a cost of \$25.

October 21st— Jane Haworth is our speaker from Auburn. The program is Fabric Collage “What its all about” <https://janehaworth.com/>

October 22nd—Workshop is Sunflower Collage Jane Haworth with a cost of \$30 and limited to 20 sign ups.

Save the Date! Luncheon December 16th— Details to come!

Sue Edell & Speri Machuga Programs & Donna Greenwald & Victoria Patterson Workshops.

Open Positions in this year's Committees

We still have several open Committee positions for this fiscal year, and I'd like to spotlight a few that might spark your interest. These roles don't require a big-time commitment but still offer meaningful ways to get involved, share your talents, and add your personal touch to the guild's activities.

Luncheons for December '25 and June '26

This role is all about creativity and coordination! You'll choose a theme, decide how the potluck will be organized (like assigning dishes by the first letter of last names), and recruit members to help decorate the tables or bring your vision to life. Want to add a game, a gift exchange, or a fun activity? That's up to you! In the past, we've done food drives, holiday gift collections, and played L-R-C (Left, Right, Center)—but the sky's the limit. Bring a friend on board to help, and make it fun! Without someone to take the lead, our luncheons risk being a little too quiet—so step up and make them memorable!



Community Service

It is with honor that we have been chosen to serve as your Co leaders for the community service committee. As we dive into the work that has been done from all the ladies in our guild we are reminded of your willingness to give of your time and talents for others.

Thank you for continuing to give back to the community.

As of this date we have on hand:

18 finished crib quilts
30 finished lap quilts
6 finished twin quilts
97 finished placemats
57 clothes covers
2 finished walker bags
42 port pillows



A big shout out to the following ladies for their contributions to our community service stash by making quilts, tops and placemats: Betty Iijima, Joy Cuniff, Gail Mun-tifering, Joan McWilliams, Karen Horne, Liz Cochran, Wendy Fuller

NEEDS

We are in need of crib quilts that are in children's colors.

The crib quilt sizes that we have on hand are really more geared for adults.

So when you are making the smaller size quilts please remember to use boy or girl colors.

It is recommended that each guild member make a minimum of two Community Quilts per year.

We have scheduled the **August 28th** drop in date for a work party to sandwich the existing finished tops that we have on hand with the batting and backing. We plan on working from 9am to 1:30 pm. Remember many hands make light work. Please come and join the fun!

Happy Quilting
Lorrie Lundy and Jenny Amerine

Ustitchem

Patti Taylor

530-908-1633

acebedo58@yahoo.com



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

Membership

We had 44 members in attendance at our July meeting and three quests. They were Frances Peretz, Carol Golden and Ray Howard. Our new membership year began July 1 st and as of July 27,2025 we currently have 65 paid members. Please stop by the membership table and pick up your paid membership invoice.

Your membership committee: Mary Ann Hagan, Cindy Johnson and Tena Chapman

Veteran of the Month & QOVF

Our Veteran of the Month for August is Phil Kelly. Phil served in the US Navy from 1953 – 1957. He served on the USS Brown destroyer and some of his tours of duty were spent in Hawaii, Midway, Japan and Australia. Phil was a long-time resident of Paradise before the Camp Fire. In fact he was at one time the manager of the Paradise Irrigation District.

We continue to encourage nominations. Once the nominations are received, they are scored based on length of service, age, health and community service. Obviously, we want to recognize those most in need first, so please don't be concerned that if you nominated someone they have been forgotten.

QOVF – I have received a request for a local Quilt of Valor recipient. I will contact him and see if he will be able to come to one of our upcoming meetings. I can't thank you all enough for helping me help our Veterans. Working on these quilts contributes to our Community Service program and our obligation as members. Linda Brown

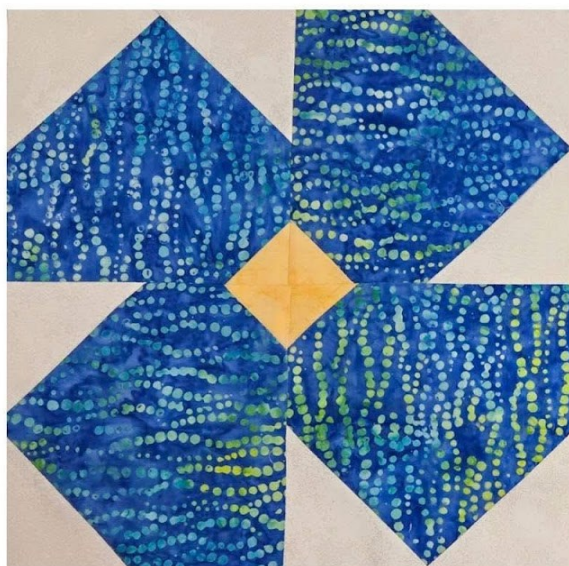
Facebook

I want to continue to encourage our new members to join us on Facebook. We have a private page that is only open to members. There are a few that were members during the Camp Fire experience as well as a couple of shop owners / teachers that were special to us. We celebrate birthdays and post quilt related funnies, stories or we post requests for help on a project or guild opportunity.

There is a question that must be answered to join. We ask that you not invite your friends to our page as they will be turned away. We do have a public page where you can learn about our upcoming events or see our recently awarded Veterans. Hope to see you online.

Guadalupe Quilt Block Drive: We will be collecting at the general meeting any blocks that are finished using the following guidelines. I will have a box ready to be shipped that will include member blocks and 8 – 10 Community Service tops.

12" POPPY BLOCK



CUT LIST AND INSTRUCTIONS

4-6 ½" SQUARES FOR MAIN FLOWER
 8- 3 ½" SQUARES FOR BACKGROUND,
MARK DIAGONALLY.
 4- 2" SQUARES. *MARK DIAGONALLY.*

SEW TWO WHITE BACKGROUNDS TO THE TOP RIGHT
 AND LEFT SIDE OF A 6 ½" SQUARE.
 SEW 2" CENTER TO BOTTOM RIGHT.

ASSEMBLE LIKE A 4-PATCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
 CONNIE, MY FABRIC FRIENDS

SEND COMPLETED BLOCKS TO:

MY FABRIC FRIENDS

105 COZZI CIRCLE

VICTORIA, TX 77901

CC:GUADALUPE RIVER QUILT DRIVE



Block of the Month 2025-2026

Happy August! We're so happy you decided to join us on our BOM adventure. It's not too late to still join if you weren't here last month. Remember you will make your own quilt with your own fabric choice. We are supplying patterns, encouragement and tips to help make you successful.

Please remember to bring your completed block from last month so we can display. It helps everyone see that there is no right or wrong fabric placement and it's always fun to see how we all see the same thing differently. If you have your name tag please attach it. We have a list and will make tags for those people.

Next month's block went together very easy with a slight change in directions for me. Stop by and we'll be sure you get the memo of how to make it a little easier. See you all soon, Cherylann and Joan.



Round Robin 2025

This committee needs a creative spark to get a Round Robin project off the ground! If someone steps up, you'll design the structure of the Round Robin, gather sign-ups from interested members, and help coordinate the monthly exchange—collecting the current round from participants and passing it along to the next person.

The fun reveal should happen no later than January 2026. You can even have members vote on their favorites and award a ribbon, small prize, or both!

To stay on track, sign-ups should happen at the August meeting, with center or starting blocks turned in by September. Additional rounds would take place in October and November, with projects returned to their owners in December and revealed at the January meeting.

It's a fun and collaborative way to keep creative energy flowing—think about joining or leading this one!

Sunshine

Happy Spring fellow quilters! Please remember to contact me Cherylann Bullock to send a card to any guild member who could use some cheer!

Illness, encouragement, hospitalization, or any other reason you might think someone might need a card regarding themselves or their family members. A brief description is helpful to write a special note.

Cbrndnc@yahoo.com, 530 327-8483 call or text.

Advertising

Member ads, single item, one time only FREE

Business card \$10 for 1 insert

Business card \$35 for 12 inserts

Business 1/4 page \$25 per insert

Business 1/2 page \$40 per insert

Paradise Art Center

The Paradise Art Center has asked us to have a fiber art show. We are on the calendar for next February 2026. Personally, I am so excited that we fiber artists are being recognized for being part of the art community in our town. We can have our own opening reception. The show will be in the gallery for a month. You do not need to be a member of the art center to participate. You can set a price on your own work but the art center does take 25 percent for the center. All art displayed must be for sale. Please join me in this new exciting art gallery show. I need to have an idea of our participation. Please let Ann Slocum know of your interest in participating.

Ann. (annkslocum@gmail.com)

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Aug 28– Sept 1 Mountain Quail Quilt Guild
Inner Mountain Fairgrounds
MacArther, CA

Sept 3, 6, 7 Mountain Quilt & Craft Guild
Huge Country Store—not a show!
Brownsville Community Center
10-4 All 3 days

Sept 19-20th Foothill Quilters Guild
Parkside Church
3885 Richardson Drive Auburn, CA
Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4

Oct 4-5th Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild
Lake County Fairgrounds
401 Martin St, Lakeport, CA
Sat & Sun 10-4

Nov 8-9 Oroville Piecemakers
Gold Country Casino
Mooretown Rancheria Gym
2 Alverda Drive Oroville, CA
Sat & Sun 10-4

Nov 14-15 Pioneer Quilt Guild
Mahaney Fitness Center
1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd Roseville, CA
Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4





Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter

There were 8 guilds that brought their opportunity quilts, but there were more guilds than that represented. Their community service projects were quite varied. Many do as we do: make quilts for Foster Care, the Cancer Center and other local places. But many had other quite different projects that they donate. Among those different projects are: port pillows for Chemo patients, walker bags, bibs, placemats (for rest homes, father-daughter dances, meals on wheels, kids Christmas parties), dolls for kids in hospital to dress and/or decorate, pillow cases, fidget quilts (for veterans, among others), lap quilts for the veteran's homes and nursing homes, Project Linus, Quilts of Valor, Head start (quilts and toys), the Carr Fire as well as other similar major events, Mercy Hospital, stockings for Toys for Tots (and dolly blankets too), baby quilts for babies in the hospital (and for those that don't get to go home), receiving blankets, and more quilts to libraries and other organizations to be used for raffle quilts. As you can see there are a lot of very grateful recipients of all that we make and distribute.

The next meeting will be in Mt. Shasta on October 25. Come join us for another interesting meeting. Sharon Easter, Rep.

The collage features several items: a quilt with a geometric pattern hanging outdoors; a sign for 'Thistle & Stitch' with a thistle logo and the text 'Locally Made Locally Loved'; a baseball cap with a gold outline of California; a tote bag with a cartoon character; two baseball caps with 'paradise' embroidered on them; and a quilt with a star pattern.

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SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 12TH@ 10:00 AM AT 780 LUTHER DRIVE, PARADISE

