



DECEMBER 2024 NEWS

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President Message

Dear Guild Members:

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the year we've shared. It's been a year filled with both heartache and triumph. While we have mourned the loss of dear friends, loved ones, and spouses of our members, we have also celebrated many successes, including the incredible achievement of our Quilt Show. It was a beautiful reminder of the talent, creativity, and dedication within our Guild, and how, even in the face of difficulty, we can come together to create something truly special.

This year has been one of both sorrow and strength. In our times of loss, we've leaned on each other, providing comfort and support. And in our times of success, we've come together to celebrate the beauty and passion that unites us.

As we celebrate Christmas and the holidays, I wish for peace, comfort, and hope for all of you. May the coming year bring healing, new joys, and continued success in all that we do together.

Be sure to look through the Newsletter for some upcoming changes in January regarding our Drop In meetings as well as see the many upcoming Programs and Workshops that are being provided from all of our hard work on our Quilt Show.

You are all cherished, and I am grateful for each and every one of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With warmest wishes, Linda Brown

General Meeting Minutes , November 19, 2024

President, Linda Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

Old Business

1. Linda asked members to silence their phones.
2. Henry F. is our Veteran of the month. He was in the Navy for 9 years and served in Iraq. Quilts are near and dear to his heart because his grandmother was a quilter. She made quilts for all of her children and grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She was always quilting!
3. Laura Green made a motion to accept minutes of last meeting as printed in newsletter; Tina Bishop seconded. The motion passed.
4. Kim Morris reported that the guild spend \$5,660.95. Our income was \$12,745.24. The income from the Quilt Show was \$10,474, the expense was \$2,655.50. Our net profit was \$7,818.15.
5. Debra McKasson made a motion to approve an increase to the Property Expense budget by \$3,000 and an increase to the Opportunity Quilt 2025 budget by \$300 (additional printing costs). Seconded by Victoria Patterson. The motion passed.



New Business

1. Debra Sharrett Memorial: Joan McWilliams made a motion to budget \$500 of the \$2200 in donations. The motion was seconded by Ginger Medberry. The motion passed. \$500 will be sent to the Elks to purchase toys for Christmas.
2. Quilt Show Feedback: Please fill out a form that tells what you liked best and where we can improve.
3. Drop-In Feedback: Please sign up for any hand work club you might be interested in joining. It would offer a way to get together and learn new techniques without needing to bring a machine. Suggestions were EPP, appliqué, embellishments.
4. Home Tour Applications: Please take an application if you are interested in offering your home for the 2025 Home Tour next December. Homes will be selected first from members and then it will be opened to other community members. We need a leader or a group to oversee the jobs. Please consider how you might like to help with the organization of the tour.
5. Opportunity Quilt 2025 Reveal. Sunset Over Paradise is the name of our 2025 Opportunity quilt. Audrey Giroux picked the design and chose the fabric. She had help from many members who supplied fabric and assisted with the techniques needed to make it. It is beautiful!

Show-and-Tell : These members shared quilts: Joan McWilliams, Judy Martinez, Sue Edell, Tina Bourdette, Debra McKasson, Kathy Bertrand, and Linda Brown. Beautiful!

Committee Reports— From General Meeting Minutes

Membership - Mary Ann Hagen said that 55 members were in attendance. Membership is at 85. We have a returning member, Leslie Bruening, and an additional new member, Doris Meek. We have been notified that Janet Larson is ill and will most likely not be able to return.

Hospitality: Betty Iijima and Flo Beauchemin are planning our Christmas Luncheon. There will be seven tables. Please bring a fat-quarter for a table game.

Last names beginning with:

A - E should bring dessert

F - L should bring salad

M - W should bring appetizers

Newsletter: Speri Machuga said that if there is something that you would like have listed in the newsletter, perhaps you want to sell a sewing machine, you have an opportunity to list it in the newsletter.

Quilt Show: Linda Brown said that she has the cards that were hung up with each quilt are available to take home if you would like them.

Board Meeting Location: The board meeting will be on December 2nd at 10 am at the Trilogy Construction office located at 7030 Skyway. All members are welcome to attend, chairpersons are encouraged to attend. If members have something they want to discuss, please contact Linda.

Programs and Workshops- Sue Edell, Donna Greenwald and Lynn Eads: At our December meeting, to help us learn more about how quilts are judged, some members will share their quilts that were judged and the comments that were made by the judge. Victoria Patterson, Jill Caikoski, Gail Muntifering, Tina Bourdette, Mary Ann Cooper and Mary Ann Hagen offered to share their quilts.

January Program: Four of our members will demonstrate different techniques.

January Workshop: Yvonne Phenicie will be teaching a bargello quilt technique using an ombre fabric.

February Program: Mary Caywood from Orland. She will have a Trunk Show.

February Workshop: Mary Caywood will teach the Curvy Log Cabin technique. You will need to get one of her patterns and a special tool.

March Program: Cathy Anderson will have a Trunk Show to bring to class. They are available at Pieces of Love in Oroville and perhaps at Honeyrun in Chico and also through Amazon.

March Workshop: Cathy will teach the X-Block Technique.

Block-of-the-Month: winner Mindy Stark

Pick-a-prize: Many new Books and flannel and Christmas fabric. Winners: Eileen Hollingsworth, and Judy Martinez. There was a third winner but I wasn't able to hear it, did you?

THANKFUL QUILTS Program: These members shared a quilt and a story. Many brought tears to my eyes: Mary Ellen Wallan, Louise Cambray-Kyle, Mary Ann Hagen, Jill Caikoski, Joan McWilliams, Kim Morris, Donna Greenwald, Audrey Giroux, Rebecca True and Linda Brown. Thank you!

Turn on your phones and pick up your BOM blocks.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Machuga, Secretary



Opportunity Quilt 2025

Title: Sunset Over Paradise

Size: 97 x 97

Pattern design by Jason Yenter of In the Beginning.

Fabric selection, piecing and appliqué by Audrey Giroux, with assistance from members of Ridge Quilters Guild, Paradise, CA.
Quilted by: Betty Upchurch of Windsor, CA.





Programs & Workshops

January 21st 2025– Member demonstrations. **January 22nd**- Workshop is Yvonne Phenicie with an easy way to make an Ombre Bargello quilt just by using ombre fabric and one other piece of fabric.

February 18th- Program is lecture/trunk show by Merrie Caywood **February 19th**- Workshop by Merrie Caywood with Make a Run for the Border. Keep your borders from being boring with fun ideas!

March 18th- Program is trunk show by Cathy Anderson. **March 19th**-Workshop using the X-Block technique. We've had requests for this from her demonstration at our demonstration retreat

April 15th- Program is Liz Willie. A trunk show with vintage quilts. **April 16th**-Workshop is our own Donna Greenwald doing her Lilacs!

Happy Birthday January 2025!



1/21 Nancy Mahler

1/29 Pam Howard

1/18 Gail Muntifering

*All Drop-in's cancelled for
December– see changes for Jan!*



Board Meeting:

Next Board meeting is scheduled for **January 6th** and will be held at 7030 Skyway, Paradise at 10:00am.

All are welcomed to attend.

December Luncheon

HELLO LADIES: Wow, it's already time to make preparations for our December Holiday Luncheon. We have decided that the choices for the luncheon will consist of Appetizers, Salads, and Dessert. The food assignments for the guild will be:

A-E - Dessert, F-L - Salads and M-W - Appetizers.

We will also have a game, so bring a fat quarter (or if you'd like, a half yard). More information at the next meeting. Thank you, Betty Iijima and Florence Beauchemin.

Reminder: The following members volunteered to bring their judged quilts and judges comments to the December meeting: Victoria Patterson – 2; Gail Muntifering – 1; Tina Bourdette – 1; Mary Ann Cooper – 2; Mary Ann Hagan – 1; Jill Caikoski – 2 and Linda Brown – 2.

Block of the Month

How are your BOM's coming along? I hope you are enjoying the process this year, and at the end of 12 months, when you put your quilt together, you will have mastered hst's and fg! I personally am using the same background for all my blocks, when they are all completed I will decide how I want to put them together.

We are noticing all different sizes displayed at the guild meetings, some people are using fabrics in the current month with the fabrics from the previous month's, how fun to see them all come together. November's fall fabric was a favorite, of course, December's selection is color appropriate!

While December is usually a month when BOM is not offered, not this month! We will have your December block and fabric at the luncheon meeting, you are also encouraged to bring in your completed November block with your name tag attached. Don't forget, if you bring a block in, you are eligible for a drawing of a special prize. You don't want to miss this month's prize for sure! Thanks, Mary Ann Cooper



November Mtg BOM

Membership

Happy holiday everyone! We had 53 members in attendance at our November meeting, Our membership continues to increase with two new members joining our ranks. At our next meeting, please seek out and welcome our new members, Leslie Bruening and Doris Meek. Our total membership is now at 86. This is reflected in the roster which was updated on November 30th and is being sent out with the December newsletter. Your Membership Committee, Mary Ann Hagan and Debra McKasson

HOME TOUR 2025– Do you want your house?

I know it's early, but we are looking for members who want to be part of the Tour 2025. What does that mean? It means your house will be 1 of 5 homes that are decked out in holiday decorations on the first weekend in December 2025, with a plethora of quilts made by members and used to add to what you have. We typically try to cover each bed in your home, add throws here and there, add table runners and napkins and wall hangings. Each house hosts a special display from the Guild – refreshments, boutique, raffle baskets, Opportunity Quilt, and Education Outreach or Community Service or both. Applications will be at the December general meeting. If you are unable to attend, but wish to participate, please contact ridgequiltersguild@gmail.com to get an application sent to you. Not sure? Take pictures with your Christmas decorations up this year so if you decide to participate, we will have pictures for advertising. We will be opening the Tour to Community members if we do not receive enough members to fill our Tour.

In addition to homes, we will be looking for a leader/s to oversee the program. We have great feedback on how to pull it off, and I'm sure many members are willing to help too. We have 1 event a year. When we work on it together, it is fun and a great way to know more about your members. Think about it!



Veteran of the Month

Our Veteran of the Month for November is John Mitchell who served 5 years in the US Navy. In addition to his military service, John is a member of the Clampers and is a board member of the Gold Nugget Museum.

We continue to encourage nominations. We can use more nominations, so members if you know a vet, please get the form online and fill it out and send it in. 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.

Look to see one or two sew / assemble kit days in 2025. I am out of kits right now, just have a few tops that need long armed and then binding. Thank you so much for your participation in this endeavor. Linda Brown



Community Service

Due to a family emergency I have changed my plans to go to Florida just yet. Now that December has arrived, I have started my rounds delivering. Holidays can be a very stressful time for many. Additional financial obligations, emotional stress, and a time of missing loved ones who are no longer with us, can be very difficult. I am so honored to represent the Guild in striving to reach and touch as many people as possible during this giving season. Ladies, you don't get to see the faces of the people who are in need when they receive your beautiful quilts.

I will not be attending the December meeting, as I do not dare chance that large of a gathering before I visit my Grandson who has health issues.

In December I will be preparing additional quilt bundles with the quilt tops from storage, batting and backing. If you find you have some down time, please reach out to me and we will arrange a pick up. After the December distributions I will have depleted most of our quilt inventory. We are desperately in need of male quilts for all ages.

November received
 Quilts - 2
 Quilt binding - 1
 Walker bag - 1
 Clothes covers - 5
 Placemat - 1
 Crochet Afghan/hat
 Yardage for backing fabric
 November gifted
 Quilt - 1

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

Merry Christmas and blessings to all,
 Community Service - Jeri

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Jan 22-25 Road to California
Ontario Convention Center
Ontario, CA
See www.road2ca.com

Jan 31-Feb 2
Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild
Folsom Community Center
52 Natoma Street Folsom, CA
Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Mar 8-9 Valley Quilt Guild
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
442 Franklin Ave. Yuba City, CA
Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Drop-in Feedback

We had 13 members sign up that are interested in having Drop In's with some focus, like mini clubs. 6 are interested in applique, 5 are interested in EPP and 4 were interested in Embellishments. 9 were supportive of Thursdays, and 3 said either Tuesday or Thursday. So, it looks like Thursday will be the day starting on January 9th from 9am to 1pm. The sign-up sheets will be available at the December meeting in case you didn't get to sign up – and you don't have to sign up to join at any time. We will have drop in every Thursday for members to come and do hand work, or sew, or pin a quilt. The mini clubs will be fine tuning themselves as to how they will work and who will lead. I will be happy to help those who want to learn EPP (English Paper Piecing). Speri Machuga will be demonstrating her method at the January Guild meeting. The other bonus for Thursday drop ins is it follows Workshops which will give members a chance to come and finish their projects. We will begin meeting in the small classroom (Room D) and if we consistently get crowded, we will move to a larger room. Linda Brown

Facebook Guild Private Page

If you are a member and are on Facebook, we hope that you join the Guild's private page. It was created after the Camp Fire as an easier way to keep in touch. New members can type in the guild name Ridge Quilters Guild and there are two choices. The backdrop of the 2024 Opportunity Quilt is the private group – this will be updated after the 2025 Quilt is revealed; the guild logo is the public page. Answer the question regarding membership and either the Membership chair or I will approve your joining. We keep this private so that we aren't inundated with spam. Hope to see you there. Linda Brown

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Quilt Show 2024—Rainbows in Paradise

Description Cards:

At the Quilt Show there were printed cards of the maker and quilter of the quilt, the name of the quilt and a description of the quilt. The cards will be available at the December meeting. Afterwards, unless I hear from the quilter, I am tossing the balance of them. Linda B

Feedback received:

At the last General Meeting, we asked members to give us their feedback on what they liked most about the quilt show and ideas for improving the next one. The general consensus was that the layout was much appreciated, and the entryway display was applauded. As for areas that could be improved, the ribbons were the major focus. Suggestions were to increase quilt categories; to limit a person to submit only 1 or 2 quilts per category to be judged; to increase the categories of quilt categories in People's Choice. The feedback forms will go into the Quilt show file for the next show.

Thank you so much for providing your input. Linda Brown & Kim Morris

Pick-A-Prize:

Thought you would like a recap of the Pick A Prize booth from the Quilt Show. We did have 36 baskets in total. There were fun items and included were 2 "manly baskets" which had lively competition. One was from Foothill Lumber and the other one was from O'Reilly's Auto Parts. There was a wood planter and carved bear from Treasures From Paradise and a nice basket from Starbucks. Eastern Sequoia Home also provided a nice item. Everyone should check out her shop. Its fabulous. With out of state companies providing items for baskets there was a large variety of fabrics and notions. Many members also provided wonderful baskets. We sold 2000 tickets and took in \$1444.00. Everyone that won a basket was thrilled with the items included. Thank you to all the ladies that not only helped in the booth but helped to put baskets together. Your assistance was invaluable. I don't think it would have gone so well without all your help. Thank You, Victoria P

Boutique:

All your hard work in your creations and donations made this year's Boutique very successful! We sold net \$4890.00! We are blown away by the talent and generosity you have. We can't wait to see how these are funds are used in the future year. THANK YOU!! Tina Bishop, Kathy & Speri M

Ribbons:

This show was our first "judged" show. The committee recommended that we not get too many categories above what we normally had except to add whether the quilt was quilted on a domestic machine vs a long arm vs hand quilted. There were very few entered that were not long armed.

There were 2 ways to earn a ribbon, either awarded by the judge OR a People's Choice vote. It seems that many members did not realize that to earn a ribbon their quilt had to be judged. The feedback will be given to the next Quilt Show committee, and if there is interest, we can get a small committee before the next show to go over what categories our show should encompass and whether we want to have the next show judged. The Pro's are that it was easy on members, it allowed many quilts to be turned in earlier, members got feedback on their workmanship from a neutral party and during the show counting ballots was easier. The Con's was that it took an extra day of time to handle the judging, it cost money, many members did not participate and only 16 members were winners of ribbons.

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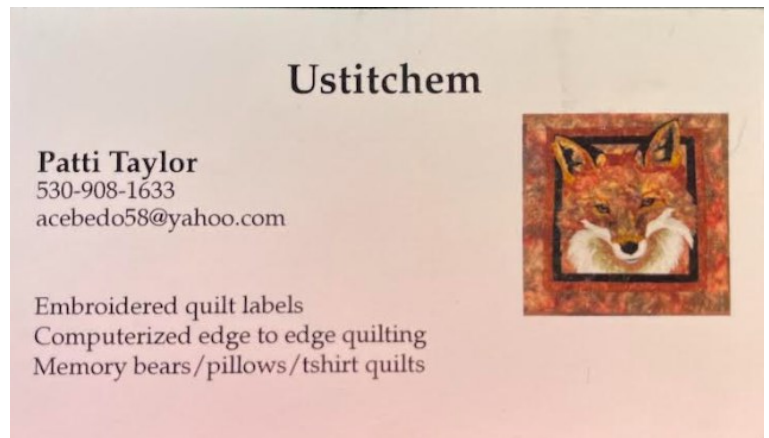
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