



JANUARY 2025 NEWS

RidgeQuiltersGuild.org

President Message

Dear Quilting Friends,

Happy New Year to all! I hope your holidays were filled with joy, warmth, and perhaps a little time spent stitching with loved ones. As we step into a brand-new year, it's the perfect time to reflect on the beautiful quilts we've made and set our sights on the exciting projects that await us in the months to come.

Looking Back: A Year of Creativity

Before diving into our plans for the new year, let's take a moment to appreciate all we've accomplished together over the past year. From our well received Quilt Show to the new inspiring block-of-the-month to heartwarming community quilt projects, our guild has grown not only in skill but in camaraderie. Whether you joined us for a special workshop or shared a quilt at our show-and-tell, you've helped make this guild a welcoming and vibrant space for quilters of all levels.

What's on the Horizon: New Projects for 2025

This year promises to be full of creative adventures and opportunities to learn new techniques. We've lined up several exciting projects, workshops, and events that we can't wait to share with you. Here's a sneak peek at what's coming up:

Workshops and Skill-building Sessions: Throughout the year, we will be hosting several hands-on workshops designed to expand your quilting knowledge and skills. I look forward to sessions on *Ombre Bargello*, *Curved Log Cabin*, *an X block quilt*, *a Donna Greenwald Confetti class*, and *a No-Sew Tumbling Block class*. *We are bringing in guest instructors as well as talented members who will teach new techniques and offer personalized guidance.*

Bi-annual Home Tour: Mark your calendars for our highly anticipated Home Tour in December! This event is always a highlight of the year, and we encourage you all to start planning your new Christmas themed quilts to help decorate our houses on the Tour. More details will be announced as we get closer to the event, including volunteer opportunities, and other activities.

Drop In Day is Now Thursday: We continue to evaluate and evolve with our membership to connect and share the journey of quilting. Based on feedback, many members don't enjoy lugging their sewing machines and projects to attend Drop In. There are few members who have offered to help in showing what they know about some hand projects such as EPP (English Paper Piecing) and Embellishments. We don't have an official schedule yet, but I for one will be at most of the Drop Ins with my EPP. I also hope that we can encourage Audrey Giroux to host an applique day....she has demonstrated on the Opportunity Quilts she is very proficient at it, and I personally would like to learn the freezer paper method so I can have a more finished edge vs the raw edge look. This is not limited to just hand work, any member can come and use the electricity at Drop In, you just need to bring all your own supplies.

Stay Connected & Get Involved

As always, the guild is what we make of it together. We invite you to stay engaged, share your ideas, and be an active participant in the upcoming events. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just beginning, there's a place for you in our guild's community. We can't wait to see all the wonderful projects you create in 2025!

Be sure to check our website and Facebook pages for updates on upcoming meetings, events, and more details on the projects listed above. If you have any questions or ideas to share, please don't hesitate to reach out—we love hearing from you!

Wishing you all a year filled with creativity, laughter, and, of course, plenty of quilting time.

Happy Stitching! Linda Brown

*General Meeting Minutes ,
December 17, 2024*

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

Old Business

1. Linda asked members to silence their phones.
2. Linda welcomed Sandy Parker from the Yuba- Sutter Valley Quilt Guild sharing their Opportunity Quilt, "Country Living". Their 42nd Annual Quilt Show will be held on March 8 & 9 at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds in Yuba City. She also has information about an event coming up at Folsom in January.
3. John Mitchell is our Veteran of the month. John served 4 active years in the Navy and additional 4 years in reserves. He is a HVAC contractor now. He is also a member of the Clampers and is on the Board of Directors for the Gold Nugget Museum.
4. Kim Morris made a motion to accept minutes of last meeting as printed in newsletter; Flo Beauchemin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Kim Morris reported that the guild spend \$662.32 in November. We had no income.
6. We have received 3 applications for the Home Tour of December 2025. We are hoping for several more. We will open it up to community members if we do not receive any other applications from guild members by January.

New Business

1. Drop-In Changes: Beginning on January 9th, we will have drop-in meeting from 9-1 every Thursday at the Rec Center. We are focusing on "clubs" such as EPP, appliqué, or embellishing hoping people will bring small projects to work on and take advantage the chance to learn from each other. You do not need to sign up. It also offers the chance to finish workshop projects that you were not able to complete during class.

2. JUDGED QUILT PROGRAM: These members shared a quilt they had judged at the October Quilt Show and the comments the judge made about their particular quilt. It was very interesting and informative. If you did a good job squaring your quilt you got a happy face:)

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| Tina Bourdette | Mary Ann Hagan |
| Gail Muntifering | Ann Slocum |
| Donna Greenwald | Jill Caikoski |
| Mary Ann Cooper | Linda Brown |
| Victoria Patterson | |

Show-and-Tell : These members shared quilts: Franci Lamb, Speri Machuga, and Debra McKasson. It is always

Committee Reports– From General Meeting Minutes

Membership - Mary Ann Hagen: There were 42 members in attendance at today's meeting. We had 2 guests. John Mitchell and Camilla Taetzsch came with Speri Machuga to visit. We will not continue to use Membership Cards, if you need one just ask Mary Ann Hagan.

Hospitality: Lynn Englund: There is a sign-up sheet for snacks for January.

Board Meeting Location: The board meeting will be on January 6th 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- Donna Greenwald: In January we have our bargello quilt.

We could use a few more people.

Block-of-the-Month: winner Peggy Price!



Program: Linda read a letter from the Elks Club thanking us for the \$500 we donated to their Children's Christmas Toy Drive in memory of Debra Sharrett.

We enjoyed a great brunch and then played a game with fat-quarters.

Turn on your phones and pick up your BOM blocks.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Machuga, Secretary



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!

May 20th- Program is Rami Kim with Two by Two (blockweaving). **May 21st**-Workshop is No-Sew Tumbling Block

June 17th– Potluck. **June 18th**– No Workshop

Lynn Eads and Sue Edell Program Co-Vice Presidents & Donna Greenwald Workshop Vice President



Drop In– Every Thursday!

From 9:00-1:00 at Terry Ashe Recreation Center in the back classroom. Please come join us! -Joan Moore

Happy Birthday February 2025!

	2/1 Mary Rose Monney
	2/11 Flo Beauchemin
	2/12 Patti Taylor
	2/15 Wendy Fuller
	2/17 Linda Menicucci
	2/22 Mary Ellen Mallan
	2/26 Cyndy Gollnick
	2/27 Ginger Medbery

Save the Date!

*Ridge Quilters Retreat in
Chester May 14th-17th.*

Details to come soon!



Board Meeting:

Next Board meeting is scheduled for **February 3rd** and will be held at 7030 Skyway, Paradise at 10:00am.

All are welcomed to attend.



Block of the Month

Greetings, are you ready for January's BOM? Don't fret, this is not one of the patterns, just a hint that it has to do with snow, because, it's January! Don't forget to share your December block with us, we are anxious to see how many variations of that pattern can be done! A cute prize has been picked out for the raffle of those who bring in their finished blocks! Can you believe it, we are almost half way done with our quilts, have you thought about how you are going to put them together? Enjoy this tease, see you at the meeting!
 Mary Ann Cooper



Membership

The December meeting was a nice fellowship of members sharing a meal together among beautiful holiday centerpieces. There were 42 members in attendance with two guests who were Camilla Taetzsch and John Mitchell, who was our Veteran of the Month. Our current membership remains at 84. The membership roster was updated on December 30, 2024 and has been attached to this report.

Community Service

We only have a few completed quilts.

Bundles for 5 flannel quilt kits will be available for the January Meeting and other bundles of quilt tops with batting and backing for our long armers .

- December Gifted
- Quilts—53
- Bowl Cozy—1
- Clothes Covers—32
- Placemats—32
- Tote Bags—2
- Table Runners—2
- Reading pillows— 9
- Crochet items— 3
- Port Pillows-13

Community Service - Jeri

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



Veteran of the Month

At newsletter deadline, we did not have any nominations for a Veteran for January, but there may be one or more in the works. 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.

I think I will have several new kits to be checked out at the January meeting. The National block for Quilts of Valor is a log cabin block which can get wonky if you don't paper piece it, and many do not like paper piecing so I think for this year we should not participate. However, if you have some red, white and blue scraps, any 12" finished block would be very welcomed to be used in upcoming quilts for Quilts of Valor or our own Veteran of the Month award.

Linda Brown

Facebook Guild Private Page

This group is "PRIVATE" and only members of the Guild are allowed to join. The only exception we granted was if you were a member at the time of the Camp Fire you could continue. Please do not "invite" your personal friends to join as we will not honor the invitation.

I am hoping that Facebook members would be willing to upload a picture they like into the photos of the group so that we can put a face with a name. Too many times we see a name, ask another member and get the response, "you know her, she has gray hair and glasses". I enjoy seeing projects that members are working on, especially the finished ones that help motivate me to work on the plethora of projects I have in progress. It is also a great opportunity to reach out to a majority of the guild members regarding upcoming events or requests for help. Linda Brown

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

Apr 26 American Sewing Guild
 Fabric and notions sale
 Orangevale Community Center
 6826 Hazel Ave Orangevale, CA
 Sat only, 9-1

Apr 26 & 27 Pine Tree Quilt Guild
 Nevada Co Fairgrounds Grass Valley, CA
 Sat and Sun 10-4

May 3 & 4 Foothill Quilters Guild
 Auburn Veterans Hall
 100 East Street Auburn, CA
 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4





Home Tour 2025– Be a part of the Committee!

Typically, in January we begin the process of forming a Committee for the Home Tour that is held on the first full weekend in December. Among the tasks associated with the Event are we need members to oversee the Home Coordinator, Boutique Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator, Refreshments Coordinator, Home Decorator and Pick a Prize Coordinator. These are not 1 person jobs; many get a team of 2 – 4 to coordinate each component.

Duties:

Home Coordinator: find homes to feature on the tour. 3 applications have been received to date. We typically like 5, and homes do not have to be members, as we allow community homes as well. Once the 5 homes are selected, a visit to the homes to find out what quilts will be needed to decorate, and which of our special displays of boutique, refreshments, Opportunity Quilt, Pick a Prize and Education Outreach/Veteran of the Month, would fit best. This could be done in one day, and having the Home Decorator with will facilitate the process.

Boutique Coordinator: Collect merchandise, suggest ideas for merchandise, mark items with prices, arrange and sell the merchandise at the event. This component brought in over half of our profit last time.

Volunteer Coordinator: is responsible for having sufficient hostesses in each house to greet visitors, answer questions and keep home safe from damage or theft.

Publicity Coordinator: arranges for printing and distribution of tickets, posters, bookmarks and flyers. Tickets are distributed to nearby Quilt Shops to be sold. Also, responsible for newspaper articles and television coverage and getting signs out directing visitors to the houses.

Refreshments Coordinator: Collect cookies and cider from members and arrange them at one of the homes.

Home Decorator: is responsible for checking in and out members' quilts and quilted items that will be displayed. She will distribute the quilts to the home and assist in displaying them.

Pick a Prize Coordinator: will assemble baskets and sell raffle tickets at one of the homes.

So, at the January Meeting a sign up sheet will go around for members who want to volunteer for one of the Coordinator positions. We've got this event pretty much down pat, we just need you to step up and help. Best yet, have a long-time member take a new member under your wing and show her the ropes.

Linda Brown



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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

For Sale - Various sewing room furniture, including a wall cubby, sewing machine table, cutting table, side table. Contact Judy Martinez at 530 301-1433 for pictures & pricing



SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GENERAL
MEETING JANUARY 21ST @ 10:00 AM AT
780 LUTHER DRIVE, PARADISE

