



# JULY 2025 NEWS

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## *President Message*

### **Summer Stitching – Anything But Lazy!**

Whoever coined the phrase “*the lazy days of summer*” clearly wasn’t a quilter! While some may spend their summer months lounging poolside or traveling, many of us are fully immersed in fabric, thread, and half-finished projects – and loving every minute of it.

Take me, for example: I’ve got several irons in the quilting fire! I’m working to finish up last year’s Block of the Month project – just two more blocks to go. Then there’s the Carol Doak Stars BOM, which is coming along nicely (only five left on that one), it’s a paper pieced project. And let’s not forget the five quilt tops waiting to be quilted – some destined for veterans, others for our Boutique or as bed-sized beauties for the upcoming Holiday Home Tour.

Oh, and I just completed a couple of blocks for our 2026 Opportunity Quilt – so yes, progress is happening all around!

With the summer heat in full swing, I find I’m most productive in the cool comfort of my air-conditioned sewing space. I savor the quiet, early mornings when the light is perfect, and by the heat of the afternoon, I’m tucked indoors, stitching away – my idea of the perfect summer retreat.

So, while the world might slow down for summer, we quilters are anything *but lazy*. We’re planning, piecing, pressing, and preparing for fall events, community projects, and everything in between.

**What are YOU working on this summer?** Send us a photo or share a short note – we’d love to feature member projects at our Show and Tell portion of our meetings or on our Facebook page. Whether it’s something for the Boutique, a donation quilt, or just a project for fun, let’s celebrate all the creativity happening behind the scenes this summer!

Happy sewing!

Linda Brown



## General Meeting Minutes June 17, 2025

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

### Old Business

1. Linda asked all to silence their phones.
2. Opportunity Quilt from the Pioneer Quilt Guild in Rocklin.
3. Our June Veteran of the Month is Ray Waelbrock. He served in Korea. He now lives in Corning. Before the fire he lived in Paradise for 58 years.
4. Charles Louis moved that we accept the minutes from our May meeting as printed in the Newsletter. Tina Bishop seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
5. Kim Morris reported that in May we spent \$2,893.96 and we received \$1,768.00.
6. No one else is signed up to take the scalloped placemat class offered at drop-in so Linda is taking July and August off.

### New Business

1. Thanks to those who have served! Lynn Eads is leaving as VP of Programs. Mary Ann Cooper is leaving the BOM program. Jeri Machado is leaving the community Service Committee.
2. Thanks to those who are serving starting July 1! Speri Machuga is new VP of Programs. She serves along with Sue Edell. Victoria Patterson is the new VP of Workshops. She serves along with Donna Greenwald.
3. New Committee Chairs. Lorrie Lundy and Jenny Amerine are the co-chairs of the Community Service Committee. Cherylann Bullock and Joan McWilliams will be in charge of the BOM.
4. July Guild Board Meeting. 10 am. Trilogy Construction office (7030 Skyway). Tuesday, July 1st. All are welcome.
5. 2026 Quilt Show. After a discussion it was decided that we will have a member selected Featured Quilter. We will find another way to honor veterans at a community event where we can showcase our patriotic quilts. Cathy Anderson and Tina Bishop will oversee a patriotic challenge quilt display for the entrance. Ann Slocum will oversee the election of the Featured Quilter.

### Committee Reports— From General Meeting Minutes

#### Committee Reports:

**BOM for next year.** Joan McWilliams. We will use the Block Head block patterns again. No cost. No fabric will be provided so that you can coordinate all of your blocks if you like. A paper pattern will be provided each month. The block instructions will come in 6" and 12" sizes. You will need 3 to 4 yards of background for your quilt.

**Membership.** Mary Ann Hagan. We have a new member today: Claudia O'Reilly. And a guest: Julie Heussner. We have 39 members signed in today. Total members: 98.

**Hospitality.** Bettie Iijima. She needs someone to coordinate the cookies for the Home Tour in December.

**Programs and Workshops.** Sue Edell and Donna Greenwald.

July: Member demonstrations by Cherylann Bullock, Sue Edell, Victoria Patterson, and Tina Bishop. No workshop.

August: A trunk show by Karen Bolan. And a class on machine quilting.

We enjoyed a lovely luncheon together with yummy food!

We adjourned at 11:45

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Machuga, Secretary





## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 7/15 Guild Meeting at 780 Luther Drive, 10:00am
- 7/16 No Workshop
- 7/17 Audit of the books, Terry Ashe Room D, 9:30 am.
- 8/4 Board Meeting at 7030 Skyway, Paradise at 10:00am
- 8/19 Guild Meeting at 780 Luther Drive, 10:00am
- 8/20 Workshop—Karen Bolan



### *Drop In– Every Thursday 9:30 to 1:30!*

From 9:30 to 1:30 at Terry Ashe Recreation Center in the back classroom.

Great way to get to know others and work on your quilting projects.

### *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](mailto:Cbrndnc@yahoo.com), 530 327-8483 call or text.

### *Happy Birthday August!*



8/5 Kathy Machuga

8/20 Lynne Pillus

8/22 Kim Morris

### *Membership*

The Hawaiian themed potluck luncheon at the June meeting featured some wonderful tropical dishes. The 40 in attendance seemed to enjoy themselves. Julie Heussner has rejoined the guild. Welcome back Julie! With our newest member, Claudia O'Reilly joining us, our membership now stands at 98. We are so glad you joined, Claudia.

July 1<sup>st</sup> begins our new 2025/2026 membership year. There is still time to renew your membership. Just stop by the membership table where you sign-in.



## Programs & 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. **Workshops start at 10:00, you may arrive at 9:30 to setup at Terry Ashe Recreation Center.**

**July 15th**— Member Demonstrations by Cheryl Ann, Sue Edell, Victoria Patterson and Tina Bishop. No workshop this month.

**August 19th**—Karen Bolan is our speaker. Here is the link to her website <https://www.karenbolan.com/> to learn more about her.

**August 20th**- The workshop is Machine Quilting with Karen Bolan with a cost of \$30 and limited to 16 sign ups. See or Call Donna Greenwald to sign up!

**September 16th**— Kathy Thomas, a local from Chico will be showing off her quilts with a Trunk Show.

**September 17th**—The workshop is Fibers into Fabric with Kathy Thomas. See or Call Donna Greenwald to sign up!

Lynn Eads and Sue Edell Program Co- VPs and Donna Greenwald Workshops.

## Home Tour 2025 Update!

Kathy Bertrand is actively following up on leads for our upcoming Holiday Home Tour. We already have three confirmed homes and four promising “maybes” — so things are coming together beautifully!

While we enjoy these warm summer days, we hope you’re also dreaming of snowflakes and sleigh bells, because it's time to get into the spirit of *Christmas in July!* *One of the most-needed items for this event are **bed-sized quilts** with a **Christmas or Winterland** theme to help us transform each home into a festive wonderland.*

In addition to bed quilts, we are also looking for throws, table runners, placemats and napkins. These items will be used to decorate the tour homes — and similar items will be needed for our **Holiday Boutique**, which runs alongside the event.

This tour is one of our **biggest fundraisers** of the year, with proceeds directly supporting our **Community Service Projects, Educational Outreach Programs, and member workshops**. Did you know that many of our workshop presenters cost over \$800 per session? By contributing handmade items for the Boutique or volunteering at the event, you’re helping offset those costs and keeping our programs affordable and accessible.

Let’s make this year’s Home Tour magical — one quilt at a time! Linda Brown





## Emma Koffer

We recently were contacted by Mark Koffer, Emma's son. Emma Koffer was a member who in May 2000 won the Block of the Month blocks and put them together in a pleasing quilt. Mark informed us that Emma passed away at the age of 91 in January 2017. He had not known what to do with the quilt and thought perhaps we would like it. Priceless are the names on the label on the back.

At the July meeting, we will discuss the best way to find a new loving home.



## Community Service

No report for June

*It is recommended that each guild member make a minimum of two Community Quilts per year. Suggested sizes but all will be accepted.*

<b>COMMUNITY QUILTS</b>	<b>42" X 48"</b>
<b>LAP ROBES</b>	<b>36" X 48"</b>
<b>DISASTER QUILTS</b>	<b>BED SIZES</b>



## *About the Guild...continued*

Board meetings shall be held monthly at the time and place designated by the President. Currently they are generally held the first Monday of each month at 10 am at the conference room at Trilogy Construction in Paradise.

Any member is welcome to attend board meetings and have a voice, but only the members of the Executive board are eligible to vote. Anything voted at the Board meeting shall be brought to the general meeting.

General members with items they feel need to be discussed should put their concerns in writing and present it to the Executive board at the monthly board meeting. If there is no board meeting that month, the written concerns should be presented to the president one (1) week prior to the general meeting to be placed on the agenda. Meeting location, date and time shall be published in the Guild newsletter, calendar, and website.

Special meetings for stated purposes may be called at the will of the Executive Board, or by petition of ten members. The membership will be notified by announcement at the regular meeting, newsletter or by telephone.

Non-budgeted amounts may be approved by the Executive Board without the approval of the General Membership not to exceed guidelines in operating procedures in one fiscal year.

Duties of standing committees: All committee chairpersons must keep accurate financial records and report them on a quarterly basis to the treasurer for verification. If a committee exceeds their budgeted amount by 10%, additional expenditures must be approved by the Executive Board.

## *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.

Linda Brown



## *Block of the Month 2025-2026*

We've made 2 sample blocks to help you decide on fabric placement. Notice that one block uses 3 fabrics and the other 4. That will be your choice.

The July block is Blockheads 3 - block 51 from Moda.

There is also a helpful hint included. This block requires sewing diagonally across a square. I have found that sometimes my machine "eats" points. Therefore, I always sew from a straight edge whenever possible. Now if you are making HST (half square triangles) that won't be possible. You have to start at a point.

Thank you for participating -- Cherylann Bullock and Joan McWilliams



## *Veteran of the Month & QOVF*

Our Veteran of the Month for July is Ray Howard who spent 23.5 years in the USAF. He began his career in 1958 stationed at Lacklin AFB. Ray then served in Libya, Vietnam, and many other assignments. Ray thoroughly enjoyed becoming familiar with the areas he was assigned; diving in the mediterranean to rockhounding in Idaho. Ray's love of country has been shown throughout his USAF career and the many years beyond spent at Lawrence Livermore National Lab. In retirement Ray continues to enjoy his many hobbies and is active at Northstate Community Church in Chico.

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.



## *Upcoming Quilt Shows*

### **July 10-13** Log Cabin Quilters

Fairgrounds

Hayfork, CA

During the hours of the fair

### **Aug 28– Sept 1** Mountain Quail Quilt Guild

Inner Mountain Fairgrounds

MacArther, CA

### **Sept 19-20th** Foothill Quilters Guild

Auburn Veterans Hall

100 East Street Auburn, CA

Sat 10-5, Sun 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





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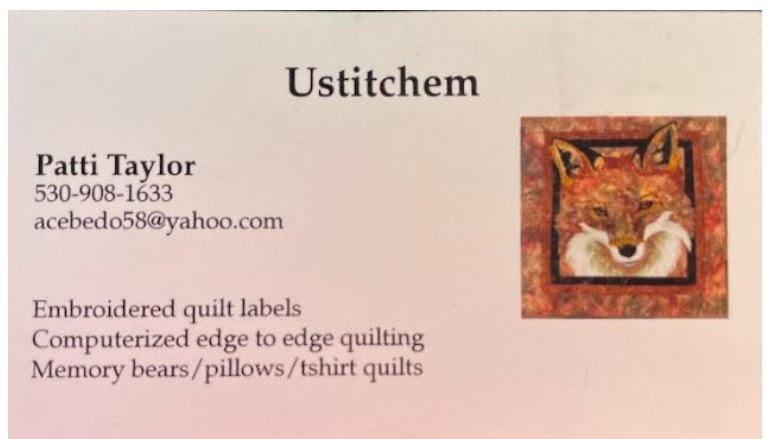
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