



MARCH 2025 NEWS

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President Message

Dear members:

What a difference a year makes! This time last year, we were bracing for the dreaded Snowmageddon—which never quite materialized—and busy at Drop-Ins creating items for the upcoming Quilt Show Boutique. Some things change, and some things stay the same. While I'm relieved, we're not facing mountains of snow, I do miss the charm of a light snowfall. Just an inch or two can transform everything into a winter wonderland, and since it melts quickly, it's more magical than inconvenient. As for boutique projects, I'm already ahead—I have a set of four placemats ready to donate at the next meeting!

As the chill of winter fades away, spring arrives in a burst of color, warmth, and renewed creativity. For me and I hope all quilters, this season of rebirth mirrors the joy and artistry of quilting in so many ways. Just like nature stitches together an intricate tapestry of blooms, we piece together fabric to create something vibrant, meaningful, and full of life.

Spring is a time of inspiration. The soft pastels of cherry blossoms, the bold hues of tulips, and the fresh greens of budding leaves remind us of our favorite fabric collections. Just as a quilt begins with a vision and carefully chosen pieces, a garden starts with

seeds and careful tending. Each stitch, like each sprout, holds the promise of something beautiful. If you need some inspiration, there are several local quilt shows that are listed elsewhere in the newsletter coming up this and next month.

Much like quilting, spring is also about renewal. It's a time to clear out the old and welcome in the new—whether that means organizing our sewing spaces, finishing long-lost projects, or starting fresh ones infused with the energy of the season. The gentle rhythm of hand-stitching or the hum of the sewing machine can be as soothing as a spring breeze, bringing a sense of peace and accomplishment.

And let's not forget the joy of community! Just as spring invites us outdoors to gather with friends and neighbors, quilting brings us together in guilds, bees, and workshops. Whether we're admiring nature's patchwork or sharing our latest quilting creations, the camaraderie and inspiration found in both are truly special.

As we welcome spring, let's embrace its beauty in our quilting. Let's mix florals, pastels, and bright patterns, just as the season does. Let's take the lessons of patience, growth, and creativity from nature and weave them into our work. After all, both quilting and spring remind us that the best things in life are made with care, love, and a touch of artistry.

Happy quilting and happy spring! Linda

General Meeting Minutes February 18th, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Kim Morris at 10:05 a.m.

Old Business

1. Kim asked all to silence their phones.
2. Russell Troge is our February Veteran of the Month. He served for 30 years in the Air Force. He has been very active in the Disabled Veterans of America in Paradise Chapter 106.

3. Leslie Bruening moved that we accept the minutes from our January meeting as printed in the Newsletter. Judy Martinez seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
4. Kim reported that in January we spent \$4,150.61, mostly on rent and insurance. We received \$569.75.
5. For our Home Tour in December we still need a Volunteer Coordinator and a Publicity Coordinator and a Chairperson.

New Business

1. Opportunity Quilt. Ladies of Lake (Lake County) brought their Opportunity Quilt titled 'Shelly's Flower on the Lake'. It was made by Shelly Aldridge, their guild's founding member. She did all of the piecing and quilting. She owned a quilt shop in Kelseyville for many years.

2. Nominating Committee. We need three volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee for next year. They would need to check with current officers and committee chairpersons to see if they are willing to continue. Kim has agreed to stay on as Treasurer. The President and Secretary still have a year left on their two year term. We need a vice-president for Programs and a vice-president for Workshops and a person or committee to take over Community Service. Our by-laws say that if we cannot fill the positions on our board that we need to dissolve. So this is a serious need.

3. Opportunity Quilt 2026. The pattern 'Eureka' has been suggested. It will be the 250th anniversary year of our country so we would like to do it in patriotic colors. We need volunteers to make it.

4. Signage for Quilt Show 2026. We bought some new sidewalk signs and will need a committee to design signage before we can use them.

5. Show and Tell. These members shared their new projects: Speri Machuga, Joan McWilliams, Mary Ann Hagan, Betty Iijima, Laura Green, Tina Bourdette, Cherylann Bullock, Leeanne Kromer, Victoria Patterson, and Kim Morris.

Committee Reports— From General Meeting Minutes

Newsletter. Speri Machuga. There are a few copies of page 3 (the calendar page) on the back table if you would like a hand copy. If you need the details of an event on the calendar it will tell you where to look in the newsletter. Quilt shows around the area are listed. On the back page are business cards for our advertisers and if you have a sewing item you wish to sell you may advertise it for free in our newsletter.

Facebook. Speri Machuga. It is a private group. It is a good way to alert members to changes and announcements in real time. At the top there's a Files section. Our roster is located there if you need a copy. Please ask if you need help.

Boutique. Speri Machuga. We are already collecting items for the Boutique for the Home Tour this coming December. We always appreciate your donations!

Hostess. Annette Carey. Passing around the refreshment list for March.

Retreat. Tina Bishop. May 14 - 17. Will take signups for the next couple of meetings until we fill up. We are hoping to have no more than 30.

Placemat Kits. Betty Iijima and Kathe Roessler. They have volunteered to make placemat kits for the last 10 years and need a replacement. It only takes about an hour a month to make up a few kits.

Community Service. Audrey Giroux. Quilt kits are available to make tops. Finished tops are available if you would like to quilt. Please log in your finished projects if you would like credit for finishing.

Membership. Mary Ann Hagan. We will begin collecting Membership Dues for 2025-2026 beginning April 1. You can also pay for your Opportunity Quilt tickets at that time. Kristen Hopps and Sandy Boyle are our guests today. Marge Egret, is a returning member. And Sheryl Brendlinger is a new member.

Programs and Workshops. Sue Edell and Donna Greenwald. Some upcoming events. **March.** Cathy Anderson will have a Trunk Show and teach a class using the X-Block ruler. **April.** Liz Willis will offer a Trunk Show on Vintage Quilts. Donna Greenwald will offer a class teaching a lilac confetti wall hanging. **May.** Rami Kim speak about Block Weaving and offer a no-sew Tumbling Block Class.

Pick-a-Prize. Victoria Patterson. Please buy your tickets for 3 prizes offered this month.

BOM. Mary Ann Cooper. It is fun to enjoy the variety of blocks that come each month. This month is X's and O's for Valentine's Day.

We enjoyed a Program presented by Merry Caywood featuring all of the things you can do with border prints.

The Board Meeting will be held Monday, March 3, 2025 at 10 am at Trilogy Construction, 7030 Skyway. All members are welcome, chairs are encouraged to attend. If members have items they wish to discuss, please contact Linda or come to the meeting. If you want the board to consider any event or topic, you must get it to the president at least a week before the board meeting.

Please turn your phones back on.
We adjourned at 11:50 AM

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Machuga, Secretary



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 3/18** Guild Meeting at 780 Luther Drive, 10:00am
- 3/19** Workshop at Terry Ashe Rec—Setup 9:30, Start 10:00
See “Programs/Workshops” for details
- 3/31** Board Meeting at 7030 Skyway, Paradise at 10:00am
- 4/10** New Members Tea—11:00am See “Membership” for details
- 4/15** Guild Meeting at 780 Luther Drive, 10:00am
- 4/16** Workshop at Terry Ashe Rec- Setup 9:30, Start 10:00
See “Programs/Workshops” for details



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.

As an extra incentive of going to **Drop In** to sew, ask for help or just to visit, we will be having a drawing at each General Meeting for those who attend at least an hour at drop in. Each week you attend, you can enter your name in the drawing. Prizes will be quilt or food related.

Happy Birthday April 2025!

	4/15 Helen Carbonaro
	4/15 Barbara Thomas
	4/16 Laura Green
	4/17 Alice Geer
	4/24 Audrey Giroux
	4/30 Deb McKasson

ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

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

***Register at the meeting and
see more details under
“Quilters Retreat”***

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.**

March 18th- Program with our own Cathy Anderson. She has a trunk show on her quilts using the X-Block.



March 19th- Workshop with Cathy on the X-Block technique. Again, please pay when you register for the class. She will bring the X-Block templates to purchase, as well as the pattern. Since you will be purchasing these items, the class cost will be decreased. **Only 1 spot OPEN!**

April 15th- Program is Liz Willie. She has a trunk show on vintage quilts. She attended one of our workshops last year, and had a long conversation with Arlene Arnold....

April 16th- Workshop is our own Donna Greenwald. She demonstrated her confetti technique at our last meeting which was awesome! Her class will be on Lilacs using this technique. **A few spots still available!**



May 20th- Program with Rami Kim who will share her items made using three directional weaving. Here is a link to website to learn more about her <https://csi.fkb.mybluehost.me/>

May 21st- Workshop with Rami Kim using this technique to create a baby block pattern without sewing. She has a video on You Tube that is very informative. **Sign ups have started!**

June 17th- Luncheon potluck. No workshop this month.

July 15th- We had wonderful comments from our members on the demonstrations at our last meeting. We plan to continue this in July, but only having 3 stations. If anyone has a technique that they would like to share, contact Lynn Eads, Donna Greenwald or Sue Edell.

No workshop for July month at this time but subject to change

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



HELP! Your Guild Needs You!

Our quilt guild thrives because of the dedication, talent, and enthusiasm of its members. Every event, workshop, and meeting happen thanks to the efforts of volunteers who give their time and energy to keep our guild running smoothly. As we look ahead, we find ourselves in need of helping hands to fill several open positions. This is where you come in!

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back to the guild, meet new friends, and play an active role in shaping our community. Whether you have a little time or a lot, there's a way for you to contribute. We currently have openings for key roles that are essential to keeping our guild vibrant and successful.

Not sure if you're the right fit? Don't worry! Many of our positions require only a willingness to help and a love for quilting—no special skills are necessary. Plus, you won't be alone! Our past volunteers and board members are always happy to guide and support new helpers.

Here are some areas where we need assistance:

- **Vice President - Programs** – Sue Edell has said she will continue to serve but she needs a help mate. The position lines up speakers to come to our Guild and present interesting Programs for us. The position will start July 2025, but many of the next year's programs are already scheduled so it's an easy way to get to know the ins and outs for the upcoming months.
- **Vice President - Workshops**– This position needs 1 or 2 members to handle the upcoming workshops. Duties include taking reservations for the classes; setting up and taking down the classroom for the workshop. This person works closely with the Vice President of Programs to get individuals to come and provide members Workshops many which are the same person who gave a Program at the General Meeting. This also means one person gets to attend the Workshop for free (if the position is shared).
- **Community Service Chairman/committee** – This committee is the heart of our Guild. This committee fulfills the requirement so our Guild can be a charitable organization. Jeri has done an excellent job in chairing this committee for a number of years, but life is not allowing her to continue. This committee collects all of the donated items made by members, prepares various kits for the items we give away and presents the items to the recipients. This is not a one-person job, it is a team of members that coordinate this for the Guild. It is a very rewarding committee and you will see personally how our talents are appreciated by the recipients.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved, now is the perfect time! Your contributions, big or small, will make a difference. If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out at the next meeting or contact Linda at ridgequiltersguild@gmail.com

Let's work together to keep our guild strong, creative, and welcoming for all. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful quilting community!

Linda Brown



Veteran of the Month

At press time last month, I did not have the name of our veteran. For those who were not at the meeting our veteran of the month for **February** is Russell Troge, a dedicated 30 year veteran of the US Air Force. Russell's service to our country continues to shine brightly in his commitment to our local community. As an active member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 106 in Paradise, he has played an instrumental role in supporting fellow veterans, currently serving as the Treasurer. Thank you for your service



Our March Veteran of the month is William “Bill” Lechlinski. He served for 25 years in the Marines. He was a Master Sargent at his retirement and worked as Maintenance / Material Control Chief. At press time I was not able to confirm that he would be able to attend to receive his quilt as there are some family health issues going on. I will update members at the General Meeting.

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. For right now I am accepting any 12” finished blocks for future quilts. I hope to get some kits ready for sewing and long arming in the near future. Linda Brown

Membership

Our February's meeting was well attended with a total of 51 in attendance. We had forty-six members sign-in, three quests: Kristen Hopps, Sandy Boyle and Merin Caywood. We also had two new members join our delightful guild. Please welcome Sheryl Brendlinger and a returning past member, Marge Eggert. Welcome ladies! That brought up our membership to 88! But there is more good news. Last week we received another completed membership form from Renee Hansen, who is our 89th member. Welcome Renee!

As a reminder to new members, The Guild is hosting a New Member Tea on April 10th at 10:00 am. It will be held at Ann Slocum's home located at 6171 Forty Oaks Lane in Paradise.

The Membership Committee is be putting together more New Member packets with helpful information such as, the Guild's By-Laws and etc. If you have not already been given one. Please stop by the membership table and pick one upon. Mary Ann Hagan & Deb McKasson



About the Guild...

The mission statement for Ridge Quilters' Guild as stated in Article II, Section 2.01 of our bylaws reads, *"The Guild in a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote quilting through education, exhibitions, programs, workshops and to encourage philanthropic quilting for the benefit of our Guild, community, state and country."* Section 2.02 further describes our purpose as follows: *"The Guild shall be organized for education and charitable purposes with the section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All activities of the Guild shall be conducted in such a manner that no part of the net income shall inure to the benefit of any individual member, except that the Guild shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered."*

Activities that further our mission include our monthly meeting programs, workshops, the Quilt Show and Home Tour (which also provide fundraising opportunities), Education Outreach, Block of the Month, and Community Quilts. We also promote quilting when we participate in community events and when we enjoy each other's company in the social aspects of the guild.

This is the first of a multi part series to help us all understand the various programs within the Guild. Look for future newsletter articles... Kim Morris

Something New!

We are going to try inject a little fun into our general meetings. March's offering: The old adage, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb:", conjures leaving Winter behind and welcoming Spring. Let's have a little fun with that idea. For the March meeting dress up in a hat or clothing that represents your idea of leaving Winter or entering Spring. You might win a prize!



Block of the Month

Same January BOM, look at all the different interpretations that have been made! Can't wait to see your February blocks! Can you guess, yes, March will be a green choice of fabric, how you use it in the block will be interesting, good luck! Have you thought about how you will assemble the final quilt project, make a lap quilt, wall hanging, table runner? See you soon!

Mary Ann Cooper

February Meeting Blocks



Quilters Retreat 2025

We are really excited for this year's retreat! We already have some fantastic give aways, a couple of great mini workshops, and of course our annual trip to Country Pines in Susanville. If you haven't signed up for our May retreat, please do so this month. We will have registration forms at the meeting. If you have already signed up, please be sure to pick up your block pattern from Debbie Storz at this month's meeting.

We look forward to another 4 days of sewing, laughter, getting to know new people, more sewing, and lots of good times together! Kim Morrison, Debbie Storz, and Tina Bishop



Home Tour 2025– Be a part of the Committee!

At the January meeting, we had several sign up to be part of the Home Tour event. We have 2 more vacant committees – Volunteer Coordinator and Publicity Coordinator. Below are the duties:

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. We have the artwork done from past events, we will just need to change the dates.

The sign up sheet will be at the meeting. It's a fun time to get to know your fellow members.

Linda Brown



Upcoming Quilt Shows

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

Apr 5-6 Sun Country Quilters Guild
Tehama Fairgrounds
650 Antelope Rd Red Bluff, CA
Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3

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 9 & 10 Roseville Quilters Guild
Jessup University
2121 University Avenue Rocklin, CA
Sat Sun

June 5-8 Quilters Sew-Ciety of Redding
Quilt Bash
Holiday Inn Convention Center
Open to all – reservations needed

June 28-29 Ocean Waves Quilt Guild
Dana Gray Elementary School
1197 Chestnut St Fort Bragg, CA
10-4 both days

July 2-13 Log Cabin Quilters
Fairgrounds
Hayfork, CA
During the hours of the fair

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



Community Service

Received
Finished quilts - 13
Quilt tops - 2
Placemats - 9
Clothes covers - 5

Gifted
Quilts - 10
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

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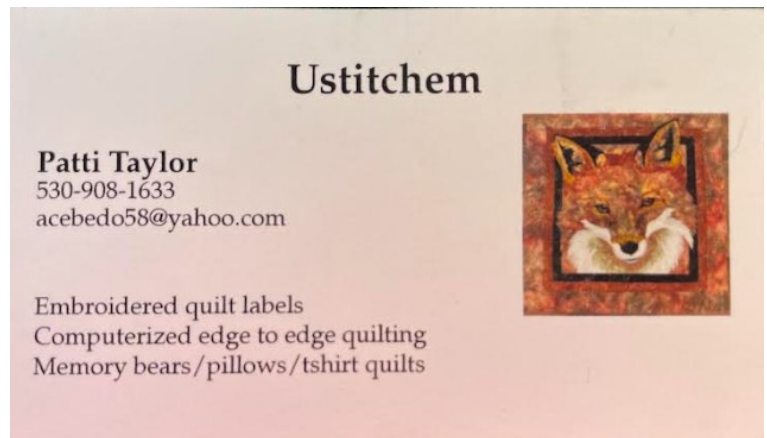
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