



# SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWS

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## *President Message*

I have a couple of adages to share with you this month. The first one is: “Be careful what you wish for.”

Last month, I could hardly wait to head over to the Fort Bragg coastal area. By early June, I figured that by mid-August I’d be longing for a cool-down, and what better place to escape the summer heat than Fort Bragg?

Being a penny pincher, I chose a rental house a little outside of town. My requirements were simple: a hot tub, a separate bedroom, internet, and TV. The place my daughter and I rented turned out to be in Manchester—a town I wasn’t familiar with. The views from the bench-seat windows were breathtaking, with a corner view of the ocean and breezes that were absolutely heavenly.

But here’s where that adage comes in. Being so far from Fort Bragg meant we didn’t know where to find eateries. The only store in Manchester closed at 7 p.m.—and of course, we arrived at 7:30. So, dinner that night came from the “snack pantry” we’d brought along.

When I pulled into the driveway, I quickly realized that the hot tub I had been looking forward to required a trip down 15 stairs and a steep driveway—and, of course, the climb back up. Inside, the cozy window seats distracted me from noticing that the living room had only two chairs and no ottoman to rest my feet. And every trip to the restroom meant climbing five steps up and back.

As the saying goes, “If it’s too good to be true, it probably is.” Not only did the place have more stairs than I expected, but the kitchen was equipped with just two hot plates and a microwave. By the end of each evening, I was too tired to even make the trek to the hot tub!

Still, undaunted, we made the best of our four days. I shopped, walked more than I should have on my “old knee,” and even convinced myself that walking in the beach sand was a good idea. Despite it all, I loved the cooler temperatures and the views. I also packed more projects than I could possibly start, let alone finish—but that’s a common quilter’s problem, isn’t it? One highlight: on the way home, we discovered a new-to-me fish-and-chips spot at the Fort Bragg harbor, which helped make up for some of the less-than-perfect choices I made. Plus they have an excellent quilt store there, fabric solves so many things.

The second adage is far sweeter: “I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!” Don’t forget—we’ll be celebrating our Guild’s birthday this month. We officially became an organization in August 1978! The Hospitality group will provide the ice cream, and members are invited to bring toppings or goodies to go along with it. I even heard someone mention cobbler—fruit is good for us, after all!

Soon it will officially be fall, and that means cooler weather—hooray! It also means it’s time to finish up projects destined for the Boutique and those I’ve been planning to share for our Home Tour. Let’s stitch with purpose and get ready for the beautiful season ahead.

Happy sewing! Linda Brown

## General Meeting Minutes August 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order by

Linda Brown at 10:02 a.m.

### Old Business

1. Linda asked all to silence their phones.
2. Our August Veteran of the Month is Phil Kelly. He has been instrumental in the community for many years. Phil and his wife Helen both had some honorary quilts that were destroyed in the fire. He was an electrician's mate in the Navy and was grateful for all of the places he got to visit. He will be 90 this month.
3. Chuck Louis moved that we accept the minutes from our July meeting as printed in the Newsletter. Kim Morris seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
4. Kim Morris reported that in July we spent \$480.91 and we received \$1,809.75.
5. Our visiting Opportunity Quilt is from the Annie's Star Guild in Chico. It was made by Judy Johnson, a past member. Her family donated many of her quilts to the guild. It will be auctioned off at their December Guild Meeting.

### New Business

1. Donations for the Guadalupe River Quilt Guild in Texas will be sent this week. In addition to the poppy blocks and 10 quilt tops from our community service donations, Linda will include a note saying that we are thinking about them because we know what it is like to lose everything and then to receive loving gifts.
2. Home Tour Meeting, Friday, September 12, at 10 AM at the home of Cherylann Bullock.

### Committee Reports— From General Meeting Minutes

**Opportunity Quilt:** Speri Machuga. I will contact you if you paid the extra \$10 for the opportunity quilt when you renewed your membership and additionally purchased tickets. You can transfer the additional tickets to the 2026 quilt if you like.

**Home Tour Boutique.** Speri Machuga. We are still collecting items for the boutique. Linda will longarm any placemats you have made for the boutique. The latest you can give them to her is at the September meeting.

**Membership.** Mary Ann Hagan. Cindy Johnson and Tena Chapman are now helping with Membership. Thank you! We have 46 members signed in today. We also have 2 guests: Frances and Karen. We have 2 new members: Carol Goldman and Julie Heissner. This is the last month to pay your dues to still be on the roster. We currently have 71 paid members.

**Hospitality.** Lynn Englund. In September we will be having an ice cream social. Please bring a topping to share.

**Community Service.** Lorrie Lundy and Jenny Amerine.

- Donated this month: lap quilts to cancer patients, a mother and 3 children in a homeless shelter, a woman in Paradise who just finished rebuilding her house, a bed quilt and 5 children's quilts for a Habitat for Humanity build, and 10 twin tops that are going to Texas.
- We will be having a Community Service Day on Thursday, August 28 from 9:30 to 1:30 at the Terry Ashe Center. We will be putting together quilt sandwiches for all of the tops that we have. Please bring rotary cutters and rulers and tape measures.

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

- August: Karen Bolan's program is Engineering Quilts. The Workshop will help us to improve our free motion quilting.
- September: Kathy Thomas from Chico. Her workshop is titled 'Fibers to Fabric'. \$30.
- October: Jane Haworth. Her Program is about Collage. The workshop is a Sunflower Collage.

**Drop-In.** At the September 4th drop-in Linda will be holding another Placematties class. At the September 11 drop-in Victoria will be showing you how to do foundation paper piecing with freezer paper.

**Show and Tell.** Quilts were shared by: Jenny Amerine, Jill Caikoski, Kathy Machuga, Janis Barnett, Speri Machuga, Elise Aiello-Simpson, Mary Anne Hagan, Gail Muntifering, and Mindy Stark.

We enjoyed Karen Bolan's Program: The Quilt Design Process. She is an engineer turned quilter and lives in Napa.

Please turn your phones back on. Pick up your BOM blocks. We adjourned at 12:10 pm.

The August Board meeting will be held Monday, September 2 at 10am at Trilogy Construction.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Machuga, Secretary,



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 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
- 10/2 Drop In– Folded Star & Christmas Napkins
- 10/6 Board Meeting @ 7030 Skyway, Paradise at 10:00am
- 10/21 Guild Meeting @ 780 Luther Drive, 10:00am
- 10/22 Workshop—Jane Haworth



### *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!

### *September Guild Meeting Ice Cream!*

*Please bring a topping to share or some treat that goes with ice cream. We will have that as our snack in the break. Our Hostess teams will provide the various kinds of ice cream. Yum Yum!*

### *Happy Birthday October*

	10/4 Linda Cruces
	10/7 Jill Caikoski
	10/9 Speri Machuga
	10/10 Louise Kyle-Cambray
	10/12 Chuck Louis
	10/15 Annette Carey
	10/28 Cindy Johnson
	10/31 Judy Martinez
	10/31 Judy Martinez
	10/31 Rebecca True

## *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.**

**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 \$30. **Only two spots left!**

**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. **Only six spots left!**

November 18th—Program TBD

November 19th—Workshop is completing baskets (Pick-A-Prize), pricing for Boutique, and turning in quilts for

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.

## *Pick-A-Prize at Meeting Help!*

Pick a Prize - I need someone to help sell tickets before the meeting and at break time. Since I am now part of programs and workshops I'm finding that I can't be at two places at the same time. Go figure. I will still be assembling the baskets and bringing them to the meeting for now. Please come see me at the next meeting. Thanks Victoria



## *A Note from the Treasurer*

I know we have many new committee chairs so I thought I would provide an overview of how the finances for the guild work.

The membership passes a budget prior to the beginning of each fiscal year (July thru June). That budget is divided into an income budget and an expenditure budget. This is your time to request what you think you will need for the coming year.

The income budget provides our best guess at what our income will be in each of the committee programs and is the basis of what we can spend for the year. These best guesses are based on past years experiences in each of the categories and committee chair requests.

The expense budget provides authority for each committee chair to spend up to the amount in the budget document without obtaining permission from the board and/or membership allowing for smooth administration of our mission. If an expense budget is insufficient to cover the expenses of a program, the committee chair needs to bring a request for expansion to the board for action to increase their budget. They should not exceed their expenditure budget amount without receiving that action from the board.

A "actual vs budget" report is available for each committee chair at the Treasurer's table every month so you can monitor how much you have remaining to spend. The board uses this information to determine how on budget we are and if adjustments are needed. If we do not realize expected income, we may need to adjust expense budgets to stay in line.

The income and expense budgets are independent of one another and balance back to the cash we have available and the amounts we expect to bring in. They are not netted out, meaning that if you bring in more than the budget anticipates you cannot automatically spend the additional funds without seeking approval of the board and/or membership.

Most of our spending is reimbursement based. As a committee chair you can purchase what you need, turn in the receipts and a reimbursement document to the treasurer and receive a check from the guild for reimbursement. These forms are also available at the treasurer's table every meeting.

Funds received for guild functions are turned into the treasurer, accounted for and deposited into the guild account. Envelopes will be provided upon request. (When I remember to bring them to the meetings).

Please ask questions if you need further clarification. You can reach me on my cell phone at 530-521-8514. Thanks, Kim Morris, Treasurer

## *Membership*

### **Ustitchem**

**Patti Taylor**

530-908-1633

acebedo58@yahoo.com



Embroidered quilt labels

Computerized edge to edge quilting

Memory bears/pillows/tshirt quilts

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



## Community Service

We had a successful day making sandwiches out of the many quilt tops we have on hand. We focused on the mens, boys, girls and infant tops and sandwiched over 40 kits. Thank you to the many who showed up and lent a hand.

As of this date we have on hand:

- 16 finished crib quilts
- 40 finished lap quilts
- 5 finished twin quilts
- 97 finished placemats
- 57 clothes covers
- 6 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, walker bags, clothes covers and placemats. A big thank you to Tina Burdette for her professional job in machine quilting many projects as well as Jill Caikoski for doing some binding. Kathy Machuga, Peggy Schrad-  
 er, Peggy Price, Julie Kielpinski, Kim Morris, Liz Cochran, Wendy Fuller,  
 Ann Slocum, Flo Beachum, Shirley

### 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.

REQUIRED MINIMUM SIZE: COMMUNITY QUILTS LAP SIZE 42" X 48"

Happy Quilting,  
 Lorrie Lundy and Jenny Amerine





## *Block of the Month 2025-2026*

It's September and the kids are in school but it doesn't feel like fall! We had several members join our BOM at the last meeting. It's not too late to join. You will make your own quilt with your own fabric choices. We are supplying patterns, encouragement and tips to help you be successful. Please remember to bring your completed block from last month so we can display it. 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 can make a tag if you don't have one.

Happy quilting, 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](mailto: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

## ***Veteran of the Month & QOVF***

Our Veteran of the Month for September is Joseph Tessaro. Joseph served in the US Air Force for 4 years as a crew chief in a reconnaissance squadron. He is a current Eagles Lodge member. I have not been able to contact him before the newsletter deadline, but I understand he has a conflict with attending our meetings. So, arrangements will be made to present him with his quilt and pictures shared with the membership.

We continue to encourage nominations. I will be bringing a supply of nomination forms to the September meeting so that you can nominate a veteran that you know. Once 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 – The recent QOVF nominee declined to receive his quilt. National nominations specifically state that the nominee must be aware of and be accepting of the award. Unfortunately, this veteran was not and he is not in good health and did not want the quilt, as he wanted it to go to someone else. Linda Brown

## ***Facebook***

Are you already on Facebook? Are you aware that the Guild has 2 Facebook pages? One is public where we post events both upcoming and those that just happened. The other group is private and only open to members. It's a very useful tool to reach out to members when help is needed. So if you are already there, please think about joining.

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 informed that the private group is for members only. Hope to see you online.

Linda Brown

## **Home Tour – Boutique – Placemats**

At the September meeting I will be collecting any placemats that need to be quilted. I will quilt them on my long arm. Typically, a yard of fabric is needed for 4 placemats. I cannot take "pieces" but if you do not have a solid piece of fabric, I can offer an alternative. I have several bolts of blender fabrics in the following colors: Black, red, 2 shades of green, 2 shades of brown, and blue (not navy). I am willing to use my fabric for your placemat backings, but you of course will need the binding material.

I have 4 more sets of interfacing and batting as well as the sewing directions for the scalloped placemats that do not require binding. I will bring them to the meeting. They will be available to those who would like to take them and make some placemats for the Boutique. Linda Brown

Other items for Boutique! We are collecting at the meetings. We love and appreciate all you create and bring us! Collections will end on the last Guild Meeting day in November so we have time to price it all out. Thank you so much. Kathy & Speri Machuga, Tina Bishop





## *Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter*

The next meeting will be in Mt. Shasta on October 25. Come join us for another interesting meeting. More information will be available in the October newsletter from Arlene.

Sharon Easter, Rep.

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## *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](mailto:annkslocum@gmail.com) )

## *Upcoming Quilt Shows*

**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



SEE YOU AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16TH@ 10:00 AM AT 780 LUTHER DRIVE, PARADISE

