



MAY 2025 NEWS

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President Message

Hello members,

Over the past month, I've had the pleasure of participating in a variety of events, both our regular gatherings and some special occasions—that truly showcased the heart of our quilt guild. April brought our regular monthly meeting, a Board meeting, a hands-on workshop, the New Members' Tea, and a Home Tour planning session.

What stood out to me at each of these events wasn't just the agenda or the activities, but the people. Members showed up with enthusiasm, sharing their time, talents, and willingness to lend a hand wherever needed. There was a spirit of generosity, collaboration, and friendship that made each gathering feel more like a celebration than a meeting.

To me, that's the true definition of being part of a quilt guild: showing up for one another, building community stitch by stitch, and making every effort count toward something meaningful. It's more than quilts—it's connection.

This past month, our guild had the opportunity to support the Patrick Ranch during their special event featuring vintage quilts. They reached out to us for help, and we were happy to rent out our quilt racks for the display. Not only did this provide a bit of extra revenue for the guild, but it also helped strengthen our connection with a valued local partner.

We're excited to share that, as a thank-you, Patrick Ranch has generously offered us a complimentary booth at their upcoming Tractor Event. We'll be taking our Opportunity Quilt to display and sell tickets, another great chance to engage with the public, raise funds, and showcase the beauty of quilting.

It's wonderful to see how collaboration opens new doors and brings quilting into the wider community. Let's keep the momentum going! And we received very warm praises for our willingness to work with fellow quilters. We may even get a new guild member/

One of the most meaningful parts of our guild's mission is giving back to the community through our Community Service projects. This work not only shares the warmth and creativity of quilting with those in need but also strengthens our bond as a guild.

Right now, we're fortunate to have several dedicated guild members ready to support this effort—but what we truly need is someone to take the lead. We're looking for a member with a heart for service and the willingness to help coordinate and oversee this important aspect of our guild.

If you're passionate about making a difference and enjoy bringing people together, please consider stepping into this role. You won't be alone—you'll have a great team beside you and the full support of the board and the membership.

Let's continue stitching kindness into our community—together.

Happy Sewing

Linda Brown

General Meeting Minutes April 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Linda Brown at 10:05 a.m.

Old Business

1. Linda asked all to silence their phones.
2. Ladies of Mother Lode Quilters' Guild of Sutter Creek brought their Opportunity Quilt to share with us. It was just completed and will be raffled at their Quilt Show held the first weekend in October of 2026.
3. Nigel Parkhurst is our April Veteran of the Month. He is unable to attend today and will come to our May meeting.
4. Chuck Louis moved that we accept the minutes from our March meeting as printed in the Newsletter. Victoria Patterson seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
5. Kim Morris reported that in March we spent \$3,270.43 and we received \$1848.00.
6. Franci Lamb announced the slate of officers for the 2025/2026 year. Linda Brown, President. VP Of Workshops, Donna Greenwald and Victoria Patterson. VP of Programs, Sue Edell and Speri Machuga. Kim Morris, Treasurer. Kathy Machuga, Secretary. At the May meeting we will vote on the open offices. No nominations from the floor.
7. First Home Tour meeting will be April 18th, 10 am at the home of Cherylann Bullock.

New Business

1. Budget for 2025-26. The next Board meeting will be on May 5 at 10 am. Prior to that meeting, starting at 9:30 am, members and committee chairs can propose budget needs for next year. The board will make a recommendation to the membership which will be published in the May Newsletter and voted on at the May General Meeting.
2. We need more nominations for the Veteran of the Month.
3. YLI Thread Co. would like our guild members to complete a survey about their thread. If half of the membership responds they will give us a \$200 in gift certificates. By a show of hands we agreed to accept.
4. We were offered 2 free passes to the Grants Pass Quilt Show, May 9-10. No takers.
5. Show and Tell.
These members shared their projects: Linda Brown and Kathy Machuga, Speri Machuga, Jenny Amerine, Suzanne DuFrane, Kathy Bertrand, Chuck Louis, Kim Morris.

Committee Reports— From General Meeting Minutes

Educational Outreach. Joy Cunniff. They completed 14 quilts this year for classes in grades kindergarten through 6th grade.

Boutique. Speri Machuga and Kathy Machuga. Offered patterns for Christmas Tree napkins and some blocks to make into placemats or table runners for the Home Tour.

Membership. Mary Ann Hagan. We have 45 members signed in today. Karla Quintana and Betty Sweet are our guests today. Ingrid Pietsch and Cindy Johnson are our new members. Two people offered last month to help Mary Ann. She can't find her notes so if you offered can you please let her know.

Community Service. Jeri Machado. Today our donations are 5 quilt tops, 19 long armed quilts, 1 clothes cover, and 7 placemats. We need a replacement for the committee chair for Community Service. Jeri needs to step down. She delivers all of our donations. It is very rewarding!

Treasure Table and Pick-a-Prize. Franci Lamb and Victoria Patterson. Donations to these opportunities are fund raisers for the guild. And they are fun.
Hospitality. Lynn Englund. Sign up for snacks in May. June will be our Luncheon.

Programs and Workshops. Sue Edell and Donna Greenwald. May. Rami Kim will speak about Block Weaving and offer a no-sew Tumbling Block Class. We need some more sign-ups for next month.

We had a lovely Easter Parade. Sue Edell won the prize.

We enjoyed a Program presented by Liz Willis, she is a fifth-generation resident of Stockton. She showed many vintage quilts that were made by members of her family going back over 100 years. So many wonderful memories tying them all together.

The Board Meeting will be held Monday, May 5, 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:

5/14-17 Quilters Retreat in Chester— See details under “Quilters Retreat”

5/20 Guild Meeting at 780 Luther Drive, 10:00am

5/21 Workshop at Terry Ashe Rec- Setup 9:30, Start 10:00
See “Programs/Workshops” for details

6/2 Board Meeting at 7030 Skyway, Paradise at 10:00am

6/17 Guild Meeting at 780 Luther Drive, 10:00am

See “June Program” for details about Raffle, Luncheon & Show 2026



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.

Happy Birthday June!



6/3 Diane Whitcomb
6/5 Karen Horne
6/7 Jeri Machado
6/8 Mary Ann Cooper
6/8 Lori MacPhail
6/19 Kathy Bertrand
6/19 Liz Cochran
6/19 Franci Lamb
6/21 Ingrid Pietsch
6/24 Tena Chapman
6/24 Barbara Kelly
6/22 Linda Anderson
6/25 Lupe Fischer
6/26 Janice Bill
6/29 Victoria Patterson



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.**

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. **Spots still available! Contact Donna Greenwald ASAP!**



June 17th- Luncheon potluck. No workshop this month. See “**June Program**” section for more details as we have an exciting program!

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.

Updates coming for next year with programs and workshops so stand by!

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

May Meeting Fun!

“Tra la, it's May, the lusty month of May
That lovely month when everyone goes blissfully astray
Tra la, it's here, that shocking time of year
When tons of wicked little thoughts merrily appear
It's May, it's May, that gorgeous holiday
When every maiden prays that her lad will be a cad
It's mad, it's gay, a libelous display
Those dreary vows that everyone takes
Everyone breaks
Everyone makes divine mistakes
The lusty month of May”

If you remember the musical, “Camelot” you will be hearing the music in your ear. Let’s celebrate May at our meeting this month. Bring something that reminds you of May (Quilt wise) and you might win a prize!



June Program

The theme for the June luncheon will be “HAWAIIAN”, break out those muumuus and leis. We’re having a luau! Please bring a “tropical themed” dish.....Hawaiian, Asian, Polynesian.

Food assignments are: **A-H – Dessert, I-M – Finger Foods, P-W – Salads.**

Please bring your own serving utensils labeled with your name/phone number (so in case you forget it, we can call you).

Any questions, please call or text Betty Iijima 510-299-4828 or Flo Beauchemin 510-708-3957

Looking ahead 2026 Quilt Show:

Believe it or not, some planning is already underway for our 2026 Quilt Show! As we look to mark this special event, a suggestion has been put forward: for one year only, we would feature an *Avenue of Valor*—a collection of patriotic quilts dedicated to honoring local veterans. *These quilts would be awarded to the veterans at the close of the show or would showcase quilts that have been previously given.*

This special exhibit would take the place of our usual *Featured Quilter display*, as our venue does not have the space to accommodate both. The proposed change is in recognition of the United States’ 250th anniversary in 2026, making it a fitting time to pay tribute to those who have served our country.

While this idea offers an opportunity to give back to our community, it also means postponing the recognition of one of our own guild members as Featured Quilter by one cycle. We acknowledge that this may be disappointing, especially as time passes quickly for many of us.

At the June general meeting we will be voting on this idea. In the meantime, if you have questions, please send them so we can make an informed decision. Linda Brown

YLI Thread Gift Certificates:

Thank you to all the members that took part in the YLI Thread survey. \$100 of the gift certificates will be raffled to retreat members and \$100 will be raffled off to members that did not attend the retreat. **The raffle will be held at the June meeting.** The only thing that is asked is that you only participate if you intend on using the gift certificates. The special 40% sale will occur next week during the retreat. The two threads that will be on special are Dream Seam and Perfection. They are like Superior’s Masterpiece and So Fine threads respectively. Contact Linda Brown if you want to order during the special sale. Specify brand, color name and number, and size (cone or spool). Online at YLI threads, you can see what their normal cost and colors are available. There should be Free Shipping as we will meet the threshold easily.

The Opportunity Quilt:

Will be on display at June’s guild meeting for our enjoyment during our luncheon meeting!

Picture is small so you will want to see this beauty in person!



About the Guild...continued

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in quilts or quilting.

Regular members, who have paid full dues and are members of good standing, may participate in the activities of the Guild. A member of good standing is one who promotes the Guild's mission statement with a positive image.

All regular members are entitled to receive a Guild newsletter before the general meeting and to attend all meetings at no additional fee.

They are entitled to receive a copy of the Guild membership roster and have their name, address and other contact information included. (It is also available in the files section on our private Facebook page). The membership roster is not for commercial publication. Members are not to share the roster with anyone not a member of the Guild; to do so would result in termination of their membership.

Each regular member in attendance at the general meeting shall be entitled to one vote.

Additional programs and workshops are subject to additional charges as detailed in the addendum to Bylaws, Operating Procedures.

All members shall pay dues in accordance with policies established by the executive board as a rate set by vote of the membership. (Currently \$30 per year)

Membership Dues are nonrefundable. The fiscal year shall run from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

Education Outreach

We have completed two quilts recently for teachers both in 1st grade. Joy Cunniff





Block of the Month 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 BOM is winding down, how did you like this year's different take on it? Because June will be a luncheon meeting, and Becky and I will be out of town for that meeting, May and June's BOM patterns and swatches will be distributed at the May meeting. This will be the last of the BOM's Debbie and I put together last year. We picked out the patterns and fabrics, and wondered how members would use them. It was a fun experiment, to see how many members would enjoy it. The whole purpose was to get members out of their comfort zones and by just giving each of you a pattern, and a swatch of fabric, and see how you would interpret the pattern and utilize the fabric in the pattern. Some members added lots of colors to their blocks, others, just a couple. I personally did not work ahead, just did my block during the same month, but I did try to limit my fabric choices to one or two that coordinated with the BOM. I did use the same background fabric for each block. It was fun to see each block displayed at the meetings! Your completed 12 blocks can/will be joined together, we will be anxious to see how people assemble and quilt them. Thank you Becky for helping me out at the meetings displaying the blocks, and helping put together a little raffle prize for those who brought in their blocks. Mary Ann



April Meeting Blocks



Block of the Month 2025-2026 Upcoming

We will have a signup sheet at the May meeting for our upcoming BOM. It will be similar to this year's but different.

1. There is no cost to participate but a prize each month from those that display their block.
2. You pick your own fabrics. This will be your quilt to keep.
3. You will need 2-3 yards of background, depending on the size of your quilt.
4. We suggest that you have 3-4 coordinating fabrics; 1/2 to 1 yard each. Maybe occasionally throw in a pop of contrasting color.
5. There will be 2 paper-piecing blocks. If you need help with this technique, Cherylann and I will help. We want to challenge you.
6. There will be 1 applique block. We will provide the Wonder-Under.
7. As noted above, we will randomly choose 1 block as a winner of a small prize each month.
8. Later in the year, we will supply examples on how to put your blocks together. Block sizes can be as small as 4" or up to 12" for many of the blocks.

Our goal is to challenge your piecing skills and expose you to new types of blocks. Different sized blocks can be challenging and fun to assemble together. We hope that you embrace this year's BOM and sign up at the next meeting or two.

Joan McWilliams & Cherylann Bullock



Veteran of the Month

At our May meeting we will recognize both our April Veteran and our May Veteran. April veteran is Nigel Parkhurst. Our veteran for May is Paul Brown (no relation). He has been a resident of the ridge for many years and he served in the US Navy for 20 years. While in the Navy he was a machinist engineer with nuclear power. We'll have to ask him if he was a submariner.

We always need more veterans to recognize. The nomination form for future recipients is on the Guild website. I have also given the membership table some forms so you can pick them up at the meeting. If you know a veteran that you'd like to nominate please complete the form and get it turned back in. We are trying to recognize Veterans who have been helpful in our Rebuilding the Community efforts whether independently or through another service club, but we also want to thank our local Veterans for their service to our Country. Linda Brown

Membership

The April Guild meeting had 45 members signed in with two guests. They were Karla Quintana and Betty Sweet. We also added two new members to our ranks. Welcome Ingrid Pietsch and Cindy Johnson. We are so glad to have you as a member of the Ridge Quilters Guild. With the three new members in March and the two in April, our membership now stands 96.

Our official collection of dues for the 2025/2026 membership year started on April 1st. The Membership Committee as of the end of April has collected dues from 34 members. If you have paid and have not received your payment receipt, please check the envelopes laid out at the membership table and pick yours up.

It was determined at the May 5th Board meeting that the membership roster would be sent out to members with the September, December, March and June newsletter. If you are not wanting to print out the roster, there is another way to view it any time you want to get some member information. Go to the Ridge Quilts Guild private Facebook page and click on "files." The current roster is located there. If you are a new member and would like to be added to our Facebook group, go to our Facebook page and click on join the group. It will be confirmed you are a member and will be added.

Membership Chair, Mary Ann Hagan

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, 530 327-8483 call or text.



Home Tour 2025

The initial meeting was held that included most of the committees represented. We have 3 for sure homes with one waiting for the paperwork and another that a committee member believes would be willing to be a host. We went over each committee with what they were working on and what they needed assistance with. With 5 homes, one will host the refreshments, one will host the boutique, one will host the Pick a Prize, another will host the Opportunity Quilt and lastly our Education Outreach and maybe Veteran of the month program.

Around September Home Tour members will be asking for specific help. Pam Howard will be asking members to volunteer to staff the homes; in addition, the Pick a Prize, Boutique, Refreshments and Opportunity Quilt chairs will be asking members to assist them with their work. Regardless of which you work for, 1/2 price tickets will be given to those who work a 3 hr shift; a free ticket will be given to those who work two 3 hr shifts. This year we are going to print more 8-1/2" x 11" posters for local businesses to display, and we will have an email blast to all the chamber members announcing our event. There are a couple of more local vendors that will be contacted to be Ticket Dealers in addition to local quilt shops. We are going to take our tickets to the October North Quarter meeting to sell tickets for the event. If you belong to other service clubs and would like to try and sell tickets, let us know.



Upcoming Quilt Shows

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

Sept 13-14 Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild
Cancelled

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

Oct 18-19th Mountain Quilt and Craft Guild
Ponderosa Community Center
Brownsville, CA
Both days 10-4

Facebook Guild Private Page

Are you on Facebook? Did you know that the Guild has a Private Page where we post updates of events that are happening as well as reach out to each other if we need a little bit of assistance? Recently we've had several "funny" cartoon postings from members. We typically wish Happy Birthday to our Guild members and who doesn't enjoy getting a plethora of greetings from friends? And many share what they are working on from a recent workshop with the Guild or from other locations.

If you are new to the Guild, all you have to do to get an invite is send a request to quiltlin-da@gmail.com I'll be sure to send you the link within 24 hours (usually much quicker but sometimes I take a small break from the Ipad).

So, please join as it is much easier for committee chairs to reach out to our members vs sending the information to the President and then have the President send out the email through the guild email. Hope to see you online. Linda Brown

Community Service

Received
8 - placemats
5—Quilt top
19— Longarmed quilts
2— Clothes covers
Backing fabric

Gifted
1 - quilts
Thank you,
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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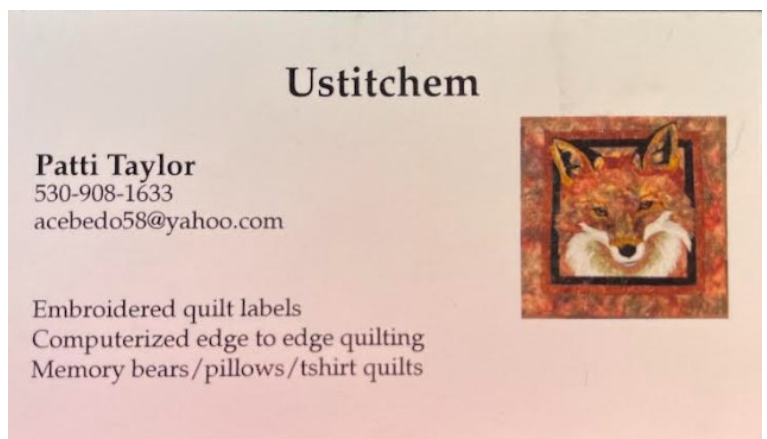
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