

Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter

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No Meeting This Month!

Hello to all our members! Well, another meeting has had to be canceled due to Covid restrictions and our members general feeling that we need to be safe not sorry. I must say that I do agree. Hopefully in July we all be meeting in Paradise!

Future OGNQ Meetings are as Follows:

Calendar of Events –

2021 - July 31 – Ridge Quilters - Paradise

October 30 – Mt Quail – Fall River Mills

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events – We Hope!!

2021

May 15 - Scott Valley Quilters – Outdoor Show - Fort Jones

May 15 - Ridge Quilters – Quilts in the Garden – deJaVu Nursery, Paradise

May 22 & 23 - Flying Needles Quilter’s Guild - Yolo County Fairgrounds, 1250 E Gum Ave
Woodland, CA Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3

June 26 – Ocean Wave Quilters – Outdoor Show - Corner of Laurel and Harrison – Sat 10-4

Oct 2 & 3 - Ladies of the Lake Guild - Lake County Fairgrounds

Nov 13 & 14 - Sun Country Quilters - Tehama Co Fairgrounds, 650 Antelope Blvd
Red Bluff, CA Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3

2022

Nov 5 & 6 - Annie’s Star Quilt Guild - Silver Dollar Fairgrounds - Chico

Annie’s Star - Chico

Until recently, there has been nothing new to report from Annie Star Quilt Guild. That has all changed!

First, covid willing, we will be meeting in May as a group with masks on!!! Finally, we get to share our 2020 challenge quilts based on the childhood game of Telephone or Gossip. I can't wait to see what fellow quilters have created.

Second, due to covid and the many resulting road blocks, we have postponed our quilt show to the first weekend in November 2022. After making this decision, reserving a space, printing new opportunity quilt tickets etc., we discovered that this is the same weekend as Oroville's quilt show. The Oroville quilters we have spoken to about this have been incredibly gracious. They were quick to point out that this means the Northstate has a real treat in 2022: two quilt shows, 20 minutes apart, on the same weekend. This will be a once in a lifetime experience! Mark your calendars.

Spring this year has been especially beautiful as we all begin to slowly reopen. Enjoy!

Sue Good, rep

Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild - Lakeport

Greetings, from Lakeport and Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild !!

We are all alive and well here in Lake County, but we are SOOOO ready for this covid stuff to be over !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our last real meeting was in March of 2020, and we finally figured out how to "zoom" when our wonderful Lan Ali-Adeeb taught us how to do it, and we started having zoom meetings in the fall of 2020. So, between Lan and our incredible newsletter editor, Barbara Haddon, we have been given the means to keep connected ! Meetings, obviously, are not quite the same, but we do have reports from various committee chairmen (Quilt Show Committee, Treasurer, Programs, membership updates, etc.) And, one can always "un-mute" yourself and contribute to any ongoing discussion.

AND you have been able to do all this BAREFOOT, from the comfort of your own home... !!

But, as we have passed the year-mark, we are beginning to see our way clear to start reaching out. This month (April) we are having a "Swap Meet" (for guild members only!) With all the straightening and clearing that we have all been doing in our spare time, surely we've found items that we are willing to "re-home",... so we are having a "Swap Meet" in a friendly parking lot (by the "closed" Sr Ctr where we normally hold our meetings). Here's the plan::Fill up the back of your car (SUV, or sedan, etc) with those items, and make them available to others!! Members can roam from car to car and "shop" in other vehicles for that perfect piece of fabric that will work in that special project you have had in mind !!!!! No \$\$\$\$ exchanged; remember, it is a "swap meet" Many plan to bring a lawn chair and a lunch/drink....and visit !!!

When we're done, I plan to take my "leftovers" in my car to the thrift shop of my choice (or, otherwise dispose of my own "unclaimed" items.)

For the future,.....who knows?? In addition to our zoom meetings and our monthly newsletters, we will find other ways to maintain the "ties that bind" us to the quilting world....and each other. I hope you share your ideas with us, too.

Quilting hugs from.....Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild, Lakeport, Ca. Jane, rep

Log Cabin Quilters - Hayfork

The Log Cabin Quilters met outdoors through October but we had no meetings in November and December as the weather was way too cold! In January and February we held our first Zoom meetings and also have held a Zoom Sew Along and Chat get together on Wednesday mornings Since January. Not many attendees at the Sew and Chat but they are a lot of fun. The good thing about Zoom meetings is that we get to see people who are still members but who have moved too far away to join in on regular meetings.

We will be meeting in the Hayfork Park this month once again as the weather is supposed to be a very nice high 60's. We are really looking forward to getting together but will miss those who were only able to join in via Zoom.

Our Guild celebrated National Quilting Day by beginning our first Facebook quilt auction. We started the bidding at \$80 and the rules were plainly stated. It will go until April 4th, which will be 2 weeks, and the high bid is already \$200 so we are very happy!

We are still working on our Guild Mystery Quilt challenge and a few of us are doing the UFO challenge suggested to us by Daisy Woodhams from Ocean Wave Quilters. I've managed to complete two UFO's and am working on my third so am VERY proud of myself. Others in the Guild have completed projects as well. Thank you Daisy!

One of the best pieces of news I have is that many of our Guild members will have received their second vaccine by the time we meet on March 31st. That means it is looking good for a retreat sometime this summer!

We hope you all stay safe and well, Diana Stewart, rep.

Mostly Modern Quilters - Chico

This last quarter our monthly meetings on zoom have focused on modern traditionalism, alternate grid construction and QuiltCon Together 2021. We also had our first virtual sew visit on March 6th. It was lovely to sit in our individual sewing rooms and be able to chat and get to know each other better.

QuiltCon Together, the international modern quilt convention, was held virtually in February. People could view over 400 quilts and attend lectures and workshops. For those who wish to see this year's award winning quilts, they are all available at this website <https://www.quiltcon.com/quiltcon2021-winners>

As we look ahead, our group will be discussing what we'd like to learn and accomplish over the next 12 months.

Wishing everyone health, creativity and connection, Cathleen, rep

Ocean Wave Quilters – Fort Bragg

We've done very well among our club members at getting vaccines; many of us are 2-3 weeks past our second jab. So, given that many of us are truly hermits and don't travel anywhere outside the area, we felt safe getting a small group of 4 of us together this week to start sorting through a wonderful fabric donation! An acquaintance of mine is moving from Fort Bragg to Cleveland, OH, and has a storage unit that is filled with bins and bins (and bins) of fabric. She cautioned, when she called, that I would need a pick-up truck, and she wasn't kidding! Best of all, she's a non-smoker and the fabric was stored in a wonderfully climate-controlled unit, so it was in pristine condition – and contained a whole lot of solids and blenders as well as prints. (I don't know about your experience, but whenever we get a fabric donation, solids and blenders are few and far between.) We had fun putting together kits for our Warm Welcome, Chaplain, and Infusion Center quilts and for the pillowcases we donate to local family shelters. Plus, we got to share lunch and do a lot of (pent up) chatting.

We also had our retreat in March via Zoom. Those attending reported having a wonderful time visiting, playing a few games including a Strip Race and Bingo, working on their own projects, and learning something new about sewing, sewing machines, needles, and each other. There were up to 14 people at the retreat at a time. They watched a couple of sewing videos, accidentally left mics on, and figured things out with help. Special Events Co-Chair Cindi Jo Willey noted that, while she misses our in-person retreats, after a couple of Zoom style retreats, she noticed some advantages. 1. It's more fun to sew and chat like you're in a circle with everyone, not just at a table with 2 or 3 other people. 2. While others are talking, you can continue sewing with your mic off so you're not interrupting the speaker. 3. Not having to pack it all into the car (and out of the car, then into the retreat, then back in the car, then back into the sewing room). 4. It's easy to keep sewing after everyone else stops for the day. 5. No pants? No problem! 6. You don't have to feel guilty for eating all the brownies on the table. 7. You can't forget anything you need for your project.

Our April meeting will be via Zoom, but our May meeting will be at the home of one of our quilters. We are borrowing an idea from Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild (thanks!) to have a "Tailgate" meeting – we have all accumulated a lot of "free table" items, so we're going to park our cars at Marcia's, open our trunks to allow access to all the fabric and stuff we want to give away, set up lawn chairs, bring individually-wrapped snacks to share, and have an outdoor meeting. A definite advantage to this method is that the free table items stay in your car if no one wants them... and then it's each member's responsibility to dispose of the remainder by taking it to a thrift shop, etc. (Usually, that falls on 2 or 3 members who stay to clean up the meeting room.)

Planning for our "On the Fence" show in June is going well. Saturday, June 26th, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., we'll display quilts on the fence at the Veteran's Memorial Building at the corner of Laurel and Harrison Streets in Fort Bragg. We think we'll be able to hang more than 100 quilts

using both sides of the fence. We'll sell opportunity quilt tickets (and pick a winner at 3:30 p.m.) and we'll have raffle baskets. We have 7 vendors who have said they'd like to come to sell jewelry, fabric, baby quilts, pillow cases, and other quilt-y items. We're not charging admission or a fee for the vendors, nor are we taking a percentage of quilt sales – we just figure we'll keep it simple. If a quilt is for sale, the potential buyer will contact the quilter directly to make the purchase.

Finally, our Iconic Mendocino Building Challenge is almost done! Started in July 2019, originally due in July 2020 (oh, well), we have more than two dozen 18" x 18" quilts of some of the iconic Mendocino buildings created by ten of our members. We're already booked in September to display them at the Willits Center for the Arts, and the Mendocino Art Center has said we can be the second exhibit after they reopen later this year. We've also contacted the Gualala Art Center. Dan Hess at the Fort Bragg Library (where there currently is an exhibit of about 24 of our quilts in honor of the library reopening – including our Tie Dye Challenge quilts) has generously agreed to hang our Mendocino quilts in the library during the month of June, so they'll be part of our "On the Fence" show! We hope you'll be able to come to the Coast to see our show! Some of them are truly amazing!



Hope you are all well!



Sharon Lau, rep

Orland Quilt Guild - Orland

While Glenn County continues in the red zone we were able to meet for a spring meeting outside. It was a lovely day in the garden of one of our members with a gentle breeze bringing the scent of orange blossoms to our members. Sitting under apricot, walnut and other trees the dappled sunshine was refreshing and whispered "Spring".

Our guild was fortunate enough to be given a very nice grant which has enabled us to have over 100 quilts professionally quilted for our Community Service Give Away at the May meeting. It has been wonderful.

As we regroup for 2021 it is our hope to keep meeting outside either on Saturday mornings or in the evening on our regular Mondays as long as the summer sun gives us light. Quilters will always find a way to meet, laugh, share and keep the art of quilting strong.

Carol Palmer, Ria Poldevaart, Reps.

Oroville Piecemakers - Oroville

I have been able to get a little bit of quilting done. But with every organization meeting Zoom wise, including our local guild, I find that I am very busy.

We had a 3 day retreat, virtually, the first weekend of this month. it was so much fun, that our president, Claudia Goebel was asked to get us together for a sew day our usual workshop day

(first Thursday). All of us are looking forward to that. There we are all of us with our iPads turned on, chatting and sewing and sharing. What fun!

They are having a Wildflower Festival here in Oroville on April 3rd at Riverbend Park. Some of the guild members will be manning a booth with our Opportunity Quilt on display (weather permitting). Masks are required to be worn of course. Then on April 15th we are having an outdoor rummage sale of fabrics, books, etc. behind our meeting hall in the parking lot. Again, weather permitting. Bring your own beverages, a lawn chair and wear your mask, but be ready to get some good deals on fabric that we need to move. We have been gifted with the fabric of a couple of quilters. Which reminds me to mention that Cheryl Campbell passed away this past year from cancer. She was always such an active member of the guild, so she is really missed.

Dorothy Welton, rep.

Ridge Quilter's Guild - Paradise

The members of Ridge Quilters will be busy this spring. We will have a float in the Gold Nugget Days parade. Becky Ray's cow will be surrounded with quilts and quilters in period dress will join her. (She's not a real cow!)

In May we will have a quilt display in the beautiful grounds of deJaVu Nursery in Paradise. It should a lovely day and we invite you to join us.

Ginger Medbery, rep

Scott Valley - Etna

We are so excited and very busy, getting ready for our quilt show! May 15th!

Our UFO challenge was another success. Over 80 projects completed! Awarded ourselves with delicious pie in March. Now for this year's projects from yesteryear.

As I said we are happily sewing away for our show. Table runners, coasters, zipper bags, pillows and of course our baskets with goodies too. All proceeds are for our scholarship program. Our quilt will be drawn this year too.

I hope you all are happy and enjoying life! We are!

Michele Estrada, President, SVQG

Sun Country Quilters of Red Bluff

As we wait for the world to open back up, we hear of members being vaccinated and the dreaded virus lessening its grip on us. Our March Quilt Show has been moved to November 13 & 14, 2021 and we remain hopeful that the county health department will clear our health and safety plans for the show. As our quilt show chairpeople have said, "The only way it can happen, is to believe that it will and go for it!" We will have updates posted on our website and Facebook as the time draws near so that we can notify everyone if plans do need to change later on.

Meanwhile, our wonderful Community Service group continues to sew and deliver warmth to our community with hundreds of lap size quilts. They have been receiving some wonderful fabric donations and trying out some new patterns too. Member, Natalie Caldwell, continues to outdo herself with the long arm quilting on these small quilts, for which we are all so grateful!

Thanks to the late Terry Aaroe of the Chester Piecemakers, our guild has a "Barn Block of the Month" program going on this year. Cathy Warren and Roxi Bradley got permission for this fun quilt last fall and are sharing the pattern in our newsletter each month. It is a great way to use up a few scraps and to sew something together while distant!

Our guild's board has somehow been able to maintain our guild's unity this year and has now planned out a reduced budget that will still allow our core mission statement to continue. We are so pleased that 70% of our 2020 membership list has already renewed for this year! It isn't easy

to maintain the guild without offering workshops and programs and having venues open for Opportunity Quilt ticket sales. We hope to move forward with some of those things soon. With limited funding, we will be relying on our own wonderfully skilled quilting members to share their trunks full of quilts and their favorite techniques. Quilting is such a great way to express yourself and to share your time and skills with others. I hope all of the Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter will also be able to continue as we move forward in 2021.

MaryAnn Crain,

Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild

All is fairly quiet on the Sutter front. We just received our newsletter for April and the president is hopeful that we will be able to have an in-person meeting on May 17th. Of course everyone will be encouraged to wear their masks and keep their distance, as well as can be done. So there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

The 2021 quilt show has been cancelled, hopefully to return in 2022. Even though we have not had a real meeting for over a year members are still producing community service quilts, so we haven't all been just sitting around watching TV. I know I have made more quilt tops in the last year than total in several years. And of course, most of them will go to community service, so I just have to decide which guild will benefit from my donations.

One of these quarters we will once again have a QGNQ meeting, and I'm really looking forward to that. Hope to see all of you soon.

Sharon Easter, Rep.

Valley Quilt Guild

Well, it's been an interesting as well as tough year. But there may be a light at the end of the tunnel. We are tentatively looking forward to in-person guild meetings in July, depending on whether Cal-Trans will allow us to meet in their building again, and if the State remains in an opening-up mode. We are all hoping for the best.

Meanwhile, we continue to have meetings and conduct business via Zoom. Of course, not everyone can participate because not everyone has a computer, and some who do have a computer don't have very good internet service. Our quilt show was cancelled again this year, but that didn't stop Colleen. We had a virtual show with over 130 entries. You are invited to attend at <https://rolls.bublup.com/VQG/VQGVirtualshowmovie2021> for the movie version or at <https://rolls.bublup.com/VQG/VQGVirtualshowmovie2021> for the slide show. Of course we want you to vote on "viewer's choice" so here's the link for that also: <https://forms.gle/2LLu4dsBq4UUyEUo6>. Voting closes April 25th, so don't delay.

Sew day has been an on-going event with free patterns supplied by Villa Rosa Designs. It's been fun and provides a lot of quilts for Community Service. Even though we can't meet, we CAN still quilt.

We just had Lori Dickman as our speaker. This month we will have Christina Cameli and in May we will have Trudy Cleveland. Both should be interesting.

Stay safe and keep quilting.

Sharon Easter, Rep.

For this edition of the newsletter I asked the Private Members to send in an article. I do this once a year and thought would be great time to see what they have been doing. Following are their articles. Enjoy!

Happenings at the Bunny Rabbit Hole

Earlier in September one of the founding members of Valley Quilt Guild passed away. She was 95 and very independent. She went out on her own terms which included donating to all of her

quilting friends her stash of quilt related items, including fabric, books, patterns, stencils, yarn, tools, notions, and anything else you could possibly think of. Her name was Alyce Kauffman. A friend of hers from Gridley helped out by getting everything ready and having a “let it go” sale at Alyce’s apartment about two weeks before Alyce died. After the “sale” I told the friend I would take (if she wished) all that was left and I would find a home for all of it, including a bookcase of cookbooks. My garage was already full, but we got it all in there, mostly on top of what I already had. Shirley sent out an email to everyone in the Sutter guild to let them know. Most of VQG knew about the “sale” already and had been to Gridley to get what they wanted. So a number of people came by and “shopped” over the next week, and on Sept. 13 I met Scarlett Rose in Willows. She was thrilled to take all the books (6 boxes full), patterns (2 boxes), stencils, cookbooks, some fabric, and a few quilted items that Alyce had made. The books went to Mountain Quail Quilters. The fabric and stencils went to the quilting ladies in Anderson. I can say that after the trip to Willows, all of Alyce’s quilting treasures have new homes. And this was the second time in the last 2-3 months that I had a stash of fabric, etc, to find homes for, and I did it!! Now I’m ready for a break.

I’ve been giving smaller scraps 6-8” square to a friend who makes masks and little zipper bags and sells them at our local flea market. That gets rid of a lot of scraps that have been sitting around here. Now I need to finish sorting all that fabric that is mine and still in the garage. I need to get really serious and weed out what I really don’t need to keep and find homes for them. Just how fast do you think that’s going to happen??? Don’t hold your breath.

Since the start of this year I have had at least 2 dozen bags of assorted fabrics and scraps dropped off---more to sort through! I have made a dent in that batch, but not big enough of a dent. I even took some more fabric, books, and patterns to Colusa when Friends Around the Block had their outdoor walking/drive by quilt show and gave them to Scarlett again. She’s good at getting rid of stuff too. I also gave her 2 quilt tops that were not suitable for Foster Kids, but rather for older adults. The Anderson ladies were happy to have them, and I was glad to find a home for them.

Keep on quilting and staying healthy. I’ve had my vaccinations—how about you?

Sharon Easter

Scarlett Rose

I have been learning about Zoom over the months since the Pandemic hit. I've joined the Global Quilt Connection - www.globalquiltconnection.com so guilds can book me for Zoom classes and lectures. My 3 minute teacher's video presentation has worked well and I have already lectured and taught for two guilds, one in Rhode Island and the other in Cincinnati, Ohio. I have more bookings scheduled into 2022. I am willing to go back to in person, if the situation allows. I have gotten the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, so I'm good to go!

My social media activity has gone up because I've been working to build followers on Instagram and Facebook. I'm scarlettrosedesigner on Instagram if you'd like to see my current projects. I've designed several new series of foundation paper pieced patterns which I have in my ScarlettRoseCeltic.etsy.com shop .

Are you interested in hearing me talk about my quilting? Please listen to Paula’s podcast interview where I talk about my Celtic applique and my other quilts on a Quilter’s Life. <https://aquilterslife.com/episodes/scarlett-rose>

Paper piecing, hand appliqueing and hand quilting along, Scarlett Rose

Happenings at Springer Run

Zoom meetings. Love ‘em? Hate ‘em? They can be good but also very boring. If I’m at a meeting I’m prepared to sit there, listen and participate. When I’m in a Zoom meeting I’m looking out the window wanting to be outside, I make sure I’m on mute so my inane comments are just for

me and the dogs and I lose interest really fast. Unfortunately the Meet the Teachers programs for both Northern California Council of Quilt Guilds (NCQC) and Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds (SCCQG) are on Zoom this year. Ick! Ick! Ick!

I participated in a workshop for SCCQG before the real meeting in April. Oh my! What a time! Now I love where I am in the line-up list for presenters. I'm first! I love being first. Must be from all the times in school that you had to line up in alphabetical order for something, mostly shots. Didn't care for the shot but I got it over fast.

Anyway, I decided it would be a good idea to get on the practice meeting early so 20 minutes before start time I tried to log on. TRIED is the operative word here. It wouldn't allow me to log on on my laptop so I tried the iPad. No joy. Down to the cell phone. Well, the cell phone wouldn't go past the log on except (!) it would call them on the phone. I could hear everyone and they could hear me but not see me. Finally, one of the ladies asked me to take down her cell number and call her. I instead punched it into my landline phone and I could hear it ringing before she hung up. Yes, we who live in the country do not depend on cell phones. I still have a slim-line powder blue princess phone and it works through whatever disaster is happening. It's the 1970 model. Works great.

Together we found that the problem was in the invitation that was sent to me and an earlier one worked great. I was finally on 10 minutes late. When they were ready to start the moderator called on the second person in the lineup. Wait, wait, wait. I'm here! So I got called on. OK, this is working.

Ahhhh.....WAIT! Have you ever clued into what you look like on that iPhone. Why I was ready to run to the back 40 and hide like a troll under a haunted bridge. If the camera adds 10 pounds the iPhone adds 20, plus lines, wrinkles and 12 double chins! I finally started my presentation with a hello and welcome, then told them all to pick up their devices, lean their heads back and then see how great they looked letting gravity roll the wrinkles and double chins to the back of their heads. I was trying to decide if I could do the whole 3 minute presentation that way but decided that my neck was not into this position for any extended time. I did learn how to flip the screen around to see my workshop quilts and I talked so fast that I had 1 minute left over. Not bad.

What else did I learn? I'm much, much better in person. TV just isn't my thing!

Paws to quilt, Arlene

PS – Yes, I did both presentations and they went very well even if I didn't like the medium.