

Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter

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Update on OGNQ Meeting in October.

Due to recent unfortunate spikes, day after day, in Shasta County of Covid-19 cases, and the rapid spread of the Delta variant, we have decided it is not prudent to hold an indoor meeting in October as we had hoped to do. We will host the April 30, 2022 meeting up here instead. For about a minute we considered holding the meeting outside, but late October can be very cold here. Our fire season seems to be extending rather later than usual this year, too. We are very disappointed not to be able to safely hold this meeting in October but will be ready and waiting to see you all in April. *Thanks Ladies!*

What Happened at Our July Meeting

The Ridge Quilters Guild in Paradise has a penchant for being the first. First time back for QGNQ since Covid. First time back on the ridge for a QGNQ meeting since the fire. Lots of firsts for these ladies. They gave us a great first meeting!

We met at the Veterans Hall on Skyway and it was filled with members renewing friendships and making new ones. LOTS of Opportunity Quilts were on display and every guild said they sold lots and lots of tickets! After a really tasty lunch of custom sandwiches, cookies and drinks we enjoyed a presentation on antique and vintage quilts connected to Abraham Lincoln. Thanks Arlene! Each person received a spiral cord mug rug made by the guild members. They're so cute.

It was a wonderful day and a wonderful way to reopen QGNQ. Thanks Paradise!

Future OGNQ Meetings are as Follows:

2022

January 29 -

April 30 - Mt. Quail Quilters – Fall River Mills

July 30 - Sun Country Quilters – Red Bluff

October 29 -

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events – We Hope!!

2021

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

2022

May 21 & 22 – Quilters Sew-ciety of Redding – Anderson Fairgrounds

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

Annie's Star Quilt Guild

Clean blue air! Almost reasonable temperatures! After what we have all endured in the past months, a very welcome relief. The guild also feels like it is coming back. Fewer members, all masked, are attending but each month there are new faces as well as more returning "old" faces. In August we elected new officers. Teresa Yocum and her sister, Tana Marie Nichols, are co-presidents. They make a good team. Nancy McCartney and Linda Thomas are our vice presidents. They are working really hard, under very difficult circumstances, to create interesting programs. In September Barbara Ekmeier revealed her secrets on making random block quilts. She is a knowledgeable and kind speaker with a number of wonderful quilts. In October, Roberta James

will be speaking. Everyone is welcome. Our meetings start at 7 pm, first Thursdays, at the Masonic Hall Family Center on East Avenue. Our opportunity quilt and boutique have begun to go public. The welcome we received at our first appearance at our local Saturday market was touching. Folks had really missed us! Members are beginning to volunteer for our 2022 quilt show. Last but not least, our community service folks never quit. Through covid until now, they continued to make sure that our quilt commitments to our community were fulfilled. Hats off to all! And a very Happy Autumn! See everyone in October.

Sue Good, rep

Flying Needles Quilters' Guild

We were all excited about having our first in-person meeting in August. Unfortunately we had a COVID scare and had to postpone everything until September. Although, we did have our first in-person class in late August. It was paper piecing taught by one of our members (Jeanne Powell). I was a little apprehensive to try the block (a butterfly), but the way she showed us was easy and had very little fabric waste. I was so excited that I had finished the project in class, I went home to order more patterns.

We are still having our Board meetings by zoom, only because some members have a 30 minute or more drive to reach us for a 30 minute meeting.

We started taking our opportunity quilt to out-of-town guilds again. Their members have been very welcoming and so happy to see us. They have also been very generous with their compliments and their support.

Stay safe and sane. JoAnn Young, president

Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild – Lake County

Greetings from Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild in Lake County! We did it; we had our Lake County Fair over Labor Day Weekend, and the quilters were well represented. Next on our agenda is our Falling Leaves Quilt Show (we are keeping our fingers crossed on this one) We have over 160 entries for our show on Oct 2 and 3, and we will be at the Lake County Fairgrounds, as usual. Hope you can make it !!

We will have our second "live, in person" meeting on Sept 11 at the Fairgrounds in their Art Building....plenty of room to spread out, yet visit.

Moving forward, we are hoping to carry on as usual, once this covid business is behind us. It will be wonderful to resume our friendships with other Northern California quilters, particularly at the next QGNQ meeting. Hope to see you there !

Quilting hugs, Jane Alameda,

Log Cabin Quilters – Hayfork

Except for a couple of members who live in the Mad River area, those of us in Hayfork are packing, unpacking, packing again, evacuating, coming home and getting ready to evacuate again in an endless cycle. I know I haven't done any sewing and of the Log Cabin Quilt Guild members I have spoken to most have their sewing machines packed or have evacuated to someplace they couldn't set a sewing machine up, though one member, Kathleen Anderson, was able to work on a quilt and Shirley Card has been able to make masks. Because of the Monument Fire, we did not hold our August meeting (most of us were evacuated) so we are looking forward to hopefully meeting in September. Because of both Covid, which is very bad in Trinity County right now as so few people are vaccinated, and because of the horrendous smoke, we cancelled our quilt show at the Trinity County Fair. We are hoping we will be able to have our retreat in October, but that remains to be seen.

On a personal note, I did evacuate with 8 cats and 2 dogs to my daughter's home in Southern Oregon, was there for two weeks and came home 2 days before the evac order was reduced to a warning. The fire burned to within 1/2 mile of our home and was stopped immediately behind our spring (the source of our domestic water) when Cal Fire did a successful firing operation and stopped the fire. We are in a warning again as of this morning (9/9) as the fire is now coming towards us from another direction. We don't know yet if anyone here has lost their home but I know several people who are/were directly in the fire's path.

We hope all who are in this situation stay safe. I know the Monument Fire is only one of many and that so many of us in the North State are experiencing the same things. My thoughts and prayers go out to those who are having a worse time than we are.

Diana Stewart, rep

Mostly Modern Quilters of Chico - Virtual Group

on Instagram @mostly_modern_quilters_chico

I greatly appreciate all those who bravely took the leap to learn how to zoom 16 months ago. I would feel so disconnected without our ability to virtually meet and share.

We continue to meet monthly on zoom and have added monthly virtual sew visits that meet at different times to accommodate participant schedules. We've been exploring and learning about some of the masters in modern quilting; fabrics for the modern aesthetic, up-cycling in our projects and ways to play to increase our creative abilities.

Here's a detail we learned while exploring fabric companies. There are more than eight different companies currently selling a solids collection. That's a LOT of colors. Michael Miller developed their cotton couture high thread count line specifically because so many are sewing complex paper pieced patterns.

One of our participants is machine quilting our very first community quilt constructed in the quilt vortex style. We plan to enter it in the QuiltCon 2022 group quilt category. After it's entered, the group will decide to donate or raffle to raise funds for a north quarter charity.

QuiltCon will be in person in February 2022 in Phoenix without any virtual component. More details can be found at <https://www.quiltcon.com/>

Wishing everyone connection, creativity and good health, Cathleen, rep

(Scarlett and I were talking about ways to increase understanding of modern quilting. I could make a free 15-20 minute presentation at the April or July QGNQ that briefly explains modern quilting and actions guilds could consider to attract modern quilters to their group. Let me know if you or the hosting guild would be interested.) Great offer ladies! Any takers?

Mountain Quail Quilters of McArthur

The Mountain Quail Quilters Guild of McArthur had a spectacular quilt show at the Labor Day Intermountain Fair this year. 106 quilts were judged. The array of colors, styles, sizes, shapes and content were amazing and very fun to see. Karyn Dove-Mitchell took top prize of Best of Show with a masterfully executed 365 blocks in 365 days quilt! We have 3 categories and best in art quilts went to Kay Burns for her beautiful dog and Ruthie Knox had a spectacular eagle in that category, too. The display was so uplifting and colorful and inspired many of us to get going on entries for next year's fair, held every year over Labor Day at the Fair Grounds in McArthur.

We held meetings in August and Sept. where many charity quilts were collected. Right now we donate to Veterans in need in Redding. Judy Kampsnyder heads up our donations there. We've started a new project of making pillow case duffles, with a drawstring outside, to be given to local fire victims all affected by recent fires.

I recently got to go to Ashland, OR to the Sew Creative Quilt Shop in the beautiful old part of town near Lithia Park. For you knitters, The Websters is only 2-3 blocks away, an incredible yarn shop. As you enter this shop, you feel like you've fallen into a vat of C-O-L-O-R!! Sensory joy and delight!! So many beautiful fabrics, projects, supplies, and ideas! Their website gives you a nice overview but being there in person is way better! Once I was able to calm down and focus I found an amazing block for the back of a jacket highlighting ASHLAND, in which I've had the pleasure of spending time with friends so is headed for the back of a jean jacket for one of them. There were embroidery kits made up! Blocks with gorgeous flowers, and scenes and everything you could think of. They have numerous Block of the Month quilts on display that you can join at any time and get a new kit sent to you each month. I wanted to do them ALL! Yes, I found plenty to keep me busy. One of the best things was the ladies who work there. They were so incredibly happy to help, make suggestions, and finds odds and ends to complete the projects I chose. Give yourself the gift of stopping there if you're in the neighborhood. It is well worth it! Plus the labradoodle in residence is charming and very soft.

We also dropped in at Cottage Quilts almost next door to Harry and David's marketing Medford. Need Moose Munch and it isn't Christmas? This is the place. The quilt shop also sells sewing machines and LOTS of bobbins, needles and everything technical you need. Their array of great fabrics was stunning, and very different and complementary to shop #1. Again, the assistance I received and the professional guidance over a problem my machine is giving me was incredibly kind and helpful, and I'll let you know if it worked as soon as I finish typing this.

Happy Quilting! Please stay safe!

Pat Pell, QGNQ Rep for MQQG

Ocean Wave Quilters – Fort Bragg

Getting ready for Sunday's meeting of our guild – like last month, we'll meet in the parking lot of the Senior Center. Many of our members are not yet comfortable with indoor meetings, so we find that this is a good compromise. We have a key to the center so we can use the restrooms and access our storage closet. Everyone brings their own chair, beverages and snacks, and we all know Fort Bragg weather well enough to know that layers are the key! It'll be foggy, windy, and sunny in rotation.

We wrapped up the exhibit of our Iconic Mendocino Quilts at the Kelley House Museum 2 weeks ago, and the quilts are now hanging at the Willits Center for the Arts. For a small town, Willits has an AWESOME Art Center! The facility is truly beautiful – and our quilts look amazing. Howard and I drove them over, expecting to hand them off to the director, but he had other ideas – handed us hammers and levels and said, “Start hanging!” We managed to get them (mostly) level. We're still waiting to hear if PIQF will have space for them as a special exhibit (or if PIQF is even going to happen, given the Delta variant surges in the Bay Area). We'll be exhibiting at the Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah in January. Still waiting to hear from the Mendocino Art Center when they plan to exhibit. But the really exciting news is that Quilting Arts Magazine wants them for an article in their Spring 2022 issue, so in November, we're shipping 7 of the quilts off to Colorado for them to photograph! Woo-hoo!

Although we're nowhere near “normal” in terms of our guild activities, we will be getting together for an Ocean Wave Quilters' Family BBQ at the end of the month at Ginny's house. We have reserved Jug Handle Farm's facility for our retreat October 28th-30th (fingers crossed), followed by an outdoor class on October 31st with Marjan Kluepfel at Carole's house to do some fabric dyeing. November 15th I'm teaching a class on “A Miserly Method of Making Scrappy Quilts”. (And when I say miserly... one of the sample quilts I'll show that I made a couple of months ago includes a piece of the fabric I used to make my wedding dress....and Howard and I celebrated our 39th anniversary in August.)

Our Hand Sewing group continues to meet via Zoom...they like that they don't have to “schlep” their stuff to the Senior Center, so that will continue for a while. Our Hand Quilting group

hasn't gotten together yet – the quilt they were working on in early 2020 is still on the frame hanging from the ceiling of the Senior Center. But we expect they'll get together in the next couple of months. The Senior Center has very strict protocols – masks required, copy of COVID card must be on file, and there must be one member of the group who makes sure no one enters the room who isn't on the approved list. So far, since the Senior Center reopened for in-person dining in June, not a single case of infection has been reported, so their process seems to be working. Several of our guild members volunteer there at meal time, checking COVID cards or serving meals.

Our Board meetings and our Quilt Show Committee meetings have been in person at the Senior Center, masked with windows and doors open. Our membership has held pretty steady this year... still around 70. We instituted a "late fee" on paying dues this year. Last year, although July 1 is when they are due, we were tracking people down through December! This year, we had only 5 members who hadn't paid by August. Makes it much easier on the Treasurer!

Keeping good thoughts that autumn will bring early rain...

Sharon Lau, rep

Orland Quilters – Orland

Hi Ladies, First and foremost a big, big, thank you to Paradise! It was fantastic! We all so enjoyed the meeting.

This month we are having our third "in house retreat". We will be following all national and local guidelines for a safe gathering. Quilting from 9 to 9 one day, go home and come back the next day for more with surprise breaks from our retreat committee. We are fortunate to have these ladies willing to share their time, talent and imagination! And we are indeed grateful to have a meeting space large enough to spread out and willing to accommodate us!

Would also like to make you aware that Orland Quilters is located between two really neat shops, Quilt Corral in Willows and The Quilt Basket in Corning. If you are ever on I-5 going north or south, drop in. Both shops easy to find just a few blocks off the freeway.

November is UFO time and we end the year in December with our annual Christmas celebration.

*** Lastly, one of our members is selling her longarm quilting machine: ***

For Sale

Gammill Longarm

24" head, 14 ft. table \$1,500.00

Located in Orland, Ca.

Must be moved, call 530-865-3542

See you all in October.

Carol Palmer, Ria Poldevaart, Reps.

Pacific Flyway Quilters – Colusa

We are finally getting things organized so we can meet in person safely. Our first meeting was an ice cream social. It was a welcome back and glad to see everyone again. We recently had a retreat in Colusa. It was a lot of fun and learned some new things. We have been unable to take our opportunity quilt any place, mainly because we don't have one. Since we have so few active members at this time, we are using some of our more spectacular community service quilts to use as our opportunity quilt. When the occasion arises, we raffle off a quilt and the winner of the drawing gets to take it home with him that day.

We will have some interesting speakers and classes in the near future to jump-start our imaginations to get our creative juices flowing again. We are already making plans to participate in the Colusa Craft Faire in November at the fairgrounds.

Hope everything stays safe and healthy for all of you.

JoAnn Young - rep

Quilters Sew-ciety of Redding

The QSR successfully met on Sep 7th and had a great show and tell of member quilts completed during the last 16 months. Their November meeting is scheduled to be a Sew In, with suggested patterns provided in the guild's newsletter and fabric provided from the guild's storage. No guest fee through the end of 2021. The guild's 2022 quilt show will be May 21 & 22 at the Anderson Fairgrounds. Please contact Cyndi Pearcy at the Sewing Room in Redding for more details.

The Thursday Sew 'N Sews continue to meet every Thursday at the Church of Christ on the corner of North Street and Riverside in Anderson from 10am to 2pm. Visitors are welcome. Suggested donation of \$2 for room rental expense.

The Frontier Quilters of Anderson meet M-W-F from 9am to 11am to hand quilt on customers' quilts. If you are interested in learning how to hand quilt on a frame, please join us. We will gladly teach you the skill so you can volunteer to quilt with us as a fundraiser for the senior center. If you have a quilt top you would like to have quilted, please contact the Senior Center. Baby quilts and other craft items are available for purchase in the quilters room, with all proceeds going to support the Frontier Senior Center in Anderson.

That's all! Scarlett

Scott Valley Quilters - Etna

Scott Valley Quilters are going strong! Meetings continue in person with only a couple last year being missed.

We have gained 4 new members this year. Projects and classes are keeping them busy too. We did a really fun strip quilt shared by our oldest member, Ida Scranton. Everyone enjoyed the class and Ida was so happy to see our accomplishments. Check our Facebook page to see the finished quilts.

In August we had our county fair. Many awards were given to a few of our ladies. It was a fun time as we worked the fair and shared our quilts.

Next months meeting will begin as a workday. We are starting to get ready for our tea in May 2022. More details to come.

Praying for rain! We are bombarded with smoke and ash!

Happy sewing

Michele Estrada, SVQG President

Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild is fully alive and active, even if we haven't exactly been visible at North Quarter meetings. We are having our regular meetings with masks optional. We are pretty much totally vaccinated.

Most of our members have been happily creating quilts of all sizes, perhaps still being the effect of the covid slowdown.

On September 25, we hosted our first ever tea party outdoors, in the backyard of the Mt. Shasta City Park Upper Lodge. Members decorated tabletops with their own personal touches, while another member provided floral bouquets from her garden. The result was a lovely outdoor fall venue. Tea treats, including scones, tarts, lemon bars and tea sandwiches, were created by Malou Shannon. All were much enjoyed by attendees.

Door prizes were drawn, raffle ticket prizes were awarded, and Jane St. Pierre auctioned special quilted items. Finally, last year's Opportunity Quilt—we were unable to have a quilt show—was drawn. The quilt was won by an obviously surprised and shaken Lil Enos. She was present. Lil is a longtime Guild Member.

And what's next? We are having a Linus Sew Day in October, thanks to the purchase of kits by member Phyllis Skalko.

And then? We'll see.

Respectfully submitted, Jane St.Pierre, VP

Sun Country Quilters of Red Bluff

Thankful to say our guild is holding strong! We are looking forward to our Quilt Show on Nov. 13 & 14, 2021 and have some gorgeous quilts to share with everyone. This show's theme is "Today's Inspirations, Tomorrow's Treasures". Patricia Christ and Rose Lavrador will be our featured quilters and have some lovely new quilts to show. This year we have asked each member to bring along an inspiration piece to display with their quilt entry and hope it will inspire others in their quilt making efforts. At our August meeting we viewed and voted on the Challenge Quilts for the show. The entries were all so different and creative. We are all looking forward to seeing which ones will get the ribbons for the best use of fabric, best theme and overall favorite.

Next week we will be having our 3rd "Sew-In/Potluck/Meeting" of the year and finishing up the plans for the quilt show. Our members have been sewing up all kinds of table runners, aprons, pin cushions and more for our expanded boutique area. We will have our normal boutique full of UFO's, assorted fabric, quilt books, patterns and notions, but also a separate area with all of the items that we made just in time for everyone's holiday gifting needs. Our sewing vendors and food service are all lined up and the raffle baskets are getting filled up and ready to go. We will also once again be having a raffle for a sewing machine donated by Hokema's of Redding, so be sure to enter that drawing if you need a portable quality sewing machine. Of course we have had to make a few modifications from previous shows, but we think it will be successful since we have all gone so long without attending shows. Please spread the word and plan to join us here that weekend at the Tehama District Fairgrounds in Red Bluff.

While much of our focus has been on the show, we have also been out and about at the Farmer's Market and other events selling our Opportunity Quilt tickets. Our Community Service Committee continues to sew and give out hundreds of lap quilts annually. Our latest batch of 100 went to the kids at Head Start and we are currently working on a 50 quilt goal of larger quilts for victims of the wildfires. We have all missed our beautiful clear blue skies this summer and hope that the early rain will help with fire suppression this fall.

After our show we will be holding a big Thankfulness Dinner, followed by a Holiday party in December where we will sample everyone's favorite appetizers. We will also be donating canned goods and Christmas gifts for kids in our local area through the Sheriff's Dept. Then we will start 2022 with a brand new budget and slate of officers.

Hope you will attend our show! MaryAnn Crain, rep

Happenings at Springer Run

As anyone who has ever owned a pet knows there are ups and downs. This summer my two old dogs, a brother and sister, decided it was time to go over the Rainbow bridge. That left a hole in my life. Glory Hallelujah was looking around for a companion and I just didn't feel complete with only one dog.

Well, that situation has changed! I was able to find a big bruiser of a puppy in Southern California and he is named Hallelujah Huck. Then a little girl became available in Washington state. My nephew was flying down and I told him not to get on that plane without her. Hallelujah Hannah enjoyed her flight in First Class no less and is now a little firecracker at my house.

Springer Run is now up to the correction level of dogs and I am very happy even though I say dozens of times a day "Go to grass!" and if I'm late there's the cleaning up of poop and pee. I'm having fun. Also when I call all three dogs to come I'm yelling "Hallelujah". It sounds like I'm having a tent revival out here. Yeah, I'm a bit crazy.

Paws to quilt, Arlene