

# ***Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter***

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## ***Our Intrepid Leader, Arlene – Colusa to Host Our January 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting !***

So, what do you do if you don't have a guild come forward to host the January meeting? You host it yourself! Yes, that's right. Our meeting is going to be held in Colusa at Rocco's Grill, 546 Market Street. Market Street is the main drag through Colusa and also, it's Hwy20. Yep, double duty. Rocco's is between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> streets on the north side off Market. It's a two story 1860's flat front brick building. Bar in the front door, dining room in the middle and we will have the side room. The doors open at 11:00 to the general public but we can go in the back door at 10:30 to set up Opportunity Quilts. To get to the back door and the parking lot, turn between the two banks at 6<sup>th</sup> and Market and then turn right into the alley. The parking lot is on your left and you will see the door on your right. We will be ordering off the menu. Yum! If you get lost call my cell 530-736-7040. I can take reservations until the 19<sup>th</sup>. Call me. We will have a few extra seats if you decide to come that day! See you there.

PS: Dues are due so please bring the form and payment to the meeting. Thanks!

## ***What Happened at Our October Meeting?***

We had our first Meet the Teacher since 2018. There were many great teachers present. Several were new to us so that is always exciting. The ladies from the Sun Country Quilters provided a tasty lunch at the Grange Hall. The guild was worried about the smaller room but it provided an intimate setting and really promoted an atmosphere of ease and friendship. Thank you to all the reps that came as I like to say "Loaded for bear". You brought your guilds calendar and contracts. That makes the presenters happy.

It was a great, successful meeting. Thanks to all.

## ***Future OGNQ Meetings are as Follows:***

### **2023**

April 29 – Oroville Quilters

July 29 – Annie's Star - Chico

October 28 – Log Cabin Quilters – Hayfork

### **2024**

January 27 -

April 27 -

July 27 – Mountain Quail – MacArthur

October 26 – Ocean Waves – Fort Bragg

## ***Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events***

March 11 & 12 - Valley Quilt Guild – "Land That I Love" – Yuba Co. Fairgrounds

April 1&2 – Sun Country Quilters - "Covered in Memories" – Tehama Co. Fairgrounds in Red Bluff.

June 1-4 – Quilters Sew-ciety of Redding - Quilt Bash 2023 – "Quilters Across California" – Simpson College, Redding

September – Sutter Buttes

## *Annie's Star – Chico*

Greetings from Mudville USA. I am not complaining. I am happy as can be there is wetness everywhere. Acknowledging fully that there are places near and far where nature got carried away and people and animals and plants are really struggling, I am still glad for the water we are getting and for the fact that I have a new roof, that the tree that necessitated the new roof is gone and that some of the work to replace my lawn is done. The rest is mud but not forever.

Our quilt show in November was so much fun. Quilters amaze me still. So much beauty. This year some of the Butte College baseball team helped us hang quilts. They were great and watching their attitude change from just "hanging a bunch of blankets" to "Wow! These quilts are amazing" made my day. One of the guys even called his grandmother in Idaho and gave her a tour.

The rest of November and December have not been as great. I got RSV and coughed a couple weeks of my life away. My son got sick. 3 trips to prompt care, 2 to his doctor, 3 to ER and finally on Thanksgiving admitted to the hospital for 6 days. Heart problems at 47 is not good but he is doing better and better.

And then on Christmas Eve, I relearned the importance of paying attention. While walking my wonderful 60 lb dog, I stopped to talk to a neighbor. Long discussion. Dog restless. I ignore. Behind me, neighbor with his dog approach. My dog decides if I can "play" with my human friend, she can do the same and off she goes, pulling me backwards and down hard onto our poorly maintained broken asphalt and gravel city street. Big ouch.. A friend takes me to our standing-room-only prompt care. Dripping blood from my left hand and barely able to walk, I go to the front of the line! 5 stitches and multiple x-rays later, I return home, badly bruised but nothing broken, to the fact that I am hosting both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Since mud and dog hair are a constant in my world, I had left the vacuum and mop tasks to be done last. I can barely move. Nothing is ready.. Luckily, I have a wonderful sister, son and friends and everyone pitches in. Life goes on. Good food, laughter, friendship, and family prevail. It was a very Merry Christmas.

Now, it is a new year. Many adventures, big and small, good and not so good await for all. PS. First 2023 adventures for our guild, our rent at the masonic almost doubled. We need a new venue! All suggestions welcome.

Sue Good, rep

## *Flying Needles Quilt Guild, Yolo County*

We had a fun Christmas party. The business meeting lasted about 30 minutes total, before the fun started.

We have started our zoom classes on Friday again. I totally forgot, but will try again this week since I may be home anyway because of the flooded roads.

We have two of our local projects (Kiwaniis House and Stitches of Love) give us short speeches about their programs at our guild meeting. We have classes scheduled for February, Linda Schmidt, landscapes, March (Laura Heine instructor to show us Laura's preferred method) and April (Anelie Belden author of Thoroughly Modern Dresden).

I know we need the rain, but a longer spell between storms would be helpful also.

Everyone please be careful and stay at home if at all possible. I made it to town okay today, but 3 hours later, some of the roads had started to flood that were previously dry.

Happy New year

JoAnn Young, Rep

## *Grapevine Quilters of Mendocino County - Ukiah*

Debbie Hedges, President and Rep

### *Log Cabin Quilters – Hayfork*

It's been a quiet couple of months for the Hayfork Log Cabin Quilters but we do have a Mystery Quilt the Guild members are each working on and we each have blocks to finish for our Opportunity Quilt. We did hold a workshop in November and made wreaths using a pattern from Shabby Fabric. It was a lot of fun and I ended up making two.

We are working on applying for grants to help with replacing our long arm. It was purchased used nearly 20 years ago and is at least 30 years old.

We hope you are all surviving the extreme weather.

Diana Stewart, rep

### *Mostly Modern Quilters of Chico - Virtual Group*

Happy New Year!

We have continued our monthly sews and meetings on zoom. This quarter we've explored quilt finishing choices and held a holiday exchange. We created pouches or Japanese rice bags and the gifts were amazing. There's nothing else like getting a handmade gift from a quilter.

In 2023, we will schedule our sews and meetings in alternating months and continue on zoom since we are scattered over a wide geographical area. We've even chosen a theme for the new year - collaboration.

The Modern Quilt Guild recently asked some members to complete a survey regarding their definition of modern quilts. This has opened a very interesting conversation about the influence of organizations and how welcoming or exclusive they may be. Some quilters feel accepted and admired while others feel excluded or rejected.

Local guilds can experience the same responses. We've hopefully all felt the power of support, acceptance (no matter our style) and encouragement on our quilting journey. And I imagine many of us have also felt very hurt occasionally. I am pondering how to increase the first and reduce the occasional hurts.

As you consider your guild's goals and focus for 2023, I hope you will also ponder how to be open and welcoming to quilters who create in a variety of styles.

Wishing everyone health, creativity and positive connections.

Cathleen Wolford, rep

### *Mountain Quail Quilters Guild - McArthur*

As we have begun to again meet regularly in person we feel very grateful for our fellowship, tenacity and commitment to our community and beyond and making a difference through our quilting. What joy friendship and creativity shared offer us all!

We have helped donate many quilts to Weed fire victims, a local family who lost their home in a recent fire and to the Circle of Friends, a community outreach group in Burney.

December's Christmas Party was held at the Fall River Mills Hotel and there was much hilarity! There were games and prizes and good food.

Our programs are up and running again. At our Jan. meeting we will have our own Cindy Broadway share tips and methods to keep a quilt flat and squared up especially for fair entry quilts! In Feb., another member, Karyn Dove-Mitchell, has a mystery project brewing that has our members excited as Karyn has quite a history of fun projects! In March we will have a round robin event of stations offering a wide range of quilting techniques, some new and some refined, for us all.

In May, Cindy Nedham will teach us all to be better machine quilters! If we have openings for non guild members I'll let you know.

Our guild has refined and broadened its Fair Quilt Judging rules and regulations in conjunction with our Intermountain Fair personnel. There will be a clear delineation between quits done by a professional and the rest of us!

Last but not least we are also revisiting our rules and operating manuals and getting everything streamlined to make succession easier in the future.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Colusa!

Pat Pell, rep

### *Ocean Wave Quilters – Fort Bragg*

Rain, rain and more rain! While a blue-sky sunny day would be a welcome change of pace, I do have to say that these rainy days create opportunities to cross projects off of the (ever-growing) list!

One big project facing our guild is to try to find a solution for the dilemma of storage. We are constantly trying to find space for our “stuff” while also making sure that our storage space is convenient for members to access and that it stays neat and tidy and efficient. Storage at our local senior center, where we hold our monthly meetings, is at a premium – 3 or 4 different clubs share a small closet.

Because I'm lucky enough to have a separate quilting studio, my house has also been a storage “annex” for us. And having those boxes stored at my house has been a problem (not just for my husband, who thinks we should charge the guild rent – just kidding – well, maybe not....) but for member access. I live 15 miles from where we meet and where most of our members live... it's not reasonable to expect members to come to my house when they get the urge to look through the warm welcome quilt kits for a project they want to make.

What kinds of things do we store? We receive fabric donations that we make into “kits” for our community quilts. We have backing fabric that has been donated that needs a home until it is paired with quilt tops. We have bias binding and other trims for the Dress-a-Girl dresses and Touch Quilts we make. We have finished quilts to store until their donation is needed. We have items that have been donated for future raffle baskets. We have supplies for our meetings – paper plates, napkins, etc., etc. And we need a kind of “mail room central” where we can drop off patterns, articles, etc., for other members to pick up.

Thankfully, our local fabric/quilt shop, Sew n Sew, has offered to loan us storage space in their back inventory area. (Of course, there is an ulterior motive there... currently we have piles of “stuff” sitting on tables and cutting boards in their classroom, and they would very much like to reclaim that space for actual students!) So, we are on a mission to make the most of this gift and figure out how to most efficiently store what we really need to keep – and weed out what we don't! We settled on metal shelving on wheels (enamel coated, because the moisture here on the coast will turn anything to rust) – figuring the ability to move the shelving easily would give us the most flexibility as we try different arrangements. We're having a shelf assembly party at the end of the month. We'll also try to collect all of the “stuff” that needs storing and begin the process of organizing it.

Then, the logical next question is – how do we keep all of our “stuff” neat and tidy and organized? We are all guilty of putting something on a shelf because there is an empty spot there – without really taking the time to make sure we have put the item in the RIGHT spot. We hate to limit access to the storage shelves to only a few guild members – but we all know that the more people who have access, the more likely something is to get shoved onto a shelf for convenience, not logic. And it always falls on a small handful of members – those who have “C.D.O” (which is like

“O.C.D.”, but in alphabetical order – as it should be!) to have to constantly straighten and reorganize the shelves, when we’d rather be using that time to make quilts!

How does your guild handle these issues? How do you store your guild’s “stuff”? Or do you not have a lot of items to store? We would welcome any creative ideas to help us tame this storage issue!

Sharon Lau, representative

### *Orland Quilters - Orland*

Orland Quilters ended the year with our annual Christmas Potluck and it was so much fun to actual share a meal again.

We will be planning out this next year at our January meeting and see what the new Block of the Month will be.

Carol Palmer & Ria Poldevaart Reqs

### *Oroville Piecemakers - Oroville*

The Piecemakers have been busy finishing up the year with a wonderful program featuring Debbie Storz and her fascination with half/square triangles. Her quilts were wonderful, and showed very creative ways using half/square triangles, where you might not expect them. Debbie also leaves no block behind. If there are extras, they will find a home and be used creatively, often on the back.

At the Christmas brunch we had loads of good food, played games and finally drew the winning ticket for this year's opportunity quilt. It was won by Shirley Scofield.

Dorothy Welton, representative Nancy Kennedy, representative

### *Pacific Flyway Quilters – Colusa*

We haven't been doing too much lately, mainly because of the cold weather. But we did have a Christmas potluck. Our president Joyce Brookins made the spaghetti and meatballs, while the rest of us provided the salad, bread and desserts. All had a good time particularly after we opened the gifts that were exchanged.

The Colusa Christmas Faire was a success. We had baskets, quilt raffle and a silent auction.

We are currently planning our first retreat for 2023. We are looking into different locations in the Colusa Area.

Please be careful on the roads. We all know drivers lose their good sense when the weather is wet.

Happy 2023

JoAnn Young, guild rep

### *Redding Sew-ciety Quilt Guild.*

The November meeting was attended by many members because Karen Ottoboni was our speaker. She had many ohs and awes.

Our Christmas Party was fun and the tables were decorated by the members that volunteered. I didn't attend because of Covid. By Christmas all was good. The end of 2022 was a relief for many.

Our January meeting was very helpful for many new members. We introduced our participating members and each of us told about their jobs. At the end we announced which

positions still needed to be filled. Several new members volunteered and it was felt that it was very helpful for the guild. Then we had a large show and tell about the quilting going on.

We are looking forward to many great speakers in the coming months.

### *Shasta Lily*

We had our meeting Last Wednesday, There wasn't any heat in the building! Talk about Cold. But Angie saved the day and we went down to her place. Cuddled in by her wood stove.

Talked about money makers for the year, Hopefully a Quilt Show in 2024? We are going to do another Yard Sale at Bev's house. And we are having Tea again this September. Also we are working on Patriots Quilts, Comfort quilts, and other projects for our Community.

Thank You Vicki Melo

### *Sun Country Quilters of Red Bluff*

Happy New Year!

Our guild is getting ready for a wonderful quilt show for everyone to enjoy on April 1 & 2. We will have around 200 judged and non-judged quilts and hope that all of our members will show at least one quilt. Past-President Janyce Mathis is going to be our Featured Quilter and will share some of her favorite quilts at the show. Our theme is "Covered in Memories" and we are planning a Bed Turning that will be given both days of the show. Some of your favorite vendors are all signed up for your shopping pleasure, as well as a fully stocked boutique area. It will be one of the last chances to buy tickets for our Opportunity Quilt drawing held later in April, as well as tickets to win some wonderful baskets at the basket drawing, 2 pm on Sunday, April 2.

We will be having Nancy Duncan present "What a Quilt Judge Looks For" at our January meeting so we can all be prepared with some gorgeous quilts for the show! In February, we will have our annual Friendship Tea and will view and pick winners of our very interesting Quilt Show Challenge. This year's challenge incorporates our members' favorite quilt blocks and recipes from our cookbook.

Please be sure to add April 1 & 2 to your calendars and plan to visit us at the Tehama District Fairgrounds at 650 Antelope Blvd., Red Bluff.

MaryAnn Crain

### *Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild*

December was the time for our annual Christmas Party. Of course, we had a wonderful potluck luncheon, with way too much food as usual. Vivian from Sew-n-Piece was in charge of our party and had lots of fun ideas. We had a couple of games, some door prize baskets, and a basket raffle (free tickets) with lots of goodies in the baskets. Members brought their Christmas quilts to provide a festive background.

Former member Mary Ann Hayre came from Santa Rosa to enjoy our party and also to show us the next opportunity quilt for SBQG. It was quite spectacular and you will all enjoy the quilt when you get to see it in September (if not before).

Plans are in the works for our next quilt show in September this year. Diana Tatro is the chair and will no doubt do a great job. Come see us when you are in town, any third Monday of the month. Meetings start at 10 AM, doors open at 9 AM. We'd like to see you.

Sharon Easter, Rep.

## Valley Quilt Guild

Early in December we had our Christmas party at the Moose Lodge, catered by their members, with desserts provided by guild members. We have a new quilt shop in the area, Blue Heart Quilt Co. You can check her out at [www.blueheartquiltco.com](http://www.blueheartquiltco.com) I haven't been there yet, but it is definitely on my agenda. Blue Heart was our in-house vendor at the party and had lots of good fabrics and notions for sale. We also had a basket raffle (about 10 baskets) filled with wonderful items, and a bunch of door prizes we received tickets for, and placed our tickets in the jar to go with what we thought we might like to win. Of course, I didn't win! No surprise there. Entertainment was provided by Colleen Pelfrey and her cohorts in a dance routine.

One of the events for the meeting is to always bring donations of toys for the kids at Beale AFB, and socks and toiletries, calendars, and gift cards for various other organizations. And we give away quilts for Foster Care. They are always in need.

Linda Ballard will have a class in mid-January, and our speaker at the January meeting will be Nancy Duncan, who is a quilt judge and will give us lots of hints about what judges look for. February will be members showing what they do. March is quilt show wrap-up. Our speaker for April will be Yvonne Phenicie.

Our quilt show is "Land That I Love" and will be on March 11 & 12, 2023, at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds. Be sure to come see all the red, white, and blue quilts in the front half of the building. It will make a really spectacular showing. Hope to see you there.

Sharon Easter, Rep

### Editors Note:

March 18 is National Quilting Day. For the past two years Friends Around the Block in Colusa has sponsored a city-wide quilt show. This year they would like to grow it even more with an array of Opportunity Quilts from the guilds in the north state.

Below you will find their information for you if you would like to participate.

What is your guild doing for this day?

### Hello Quilters of Northern Quarter!

Your guild is cordially invited to participate in our annual Quilts Around the Block event Saturday, March 18, 2023, in Colusa, California. Quilts will be displayed all over town at parks, on front porches, and at businesses. With your guild's RSVP, a space to display and sell tickets to your opportunity quilt will be reserved for you at the pavilion in Davison Park, 10th Street, Colusa.

The day will begin with a pancake breakfast at the Fire Department and a presentation of first responder quilts to the chiefs of our four First Response Agencies. The quilts for our first responders will come from a Quilt Challenge set by Friends Around the Block Quilt Shop. Three 1-yard cuts of first responder fabrics will be provided to quilters who complete a contract and commit to presenting their finished 68x85" quilt on the day, March 18th, in honor of their service and sacrifice. If you would like to participate, the fabric and contract can be picked up at Friends Around the Block, 211 8th Street, Colusa.

It will be day of food, fabric, and fun made even better with your presence!

Please RSVP to Friends Around the Block (530) 458-7467.

Hope to see you there!

Patt Thompson, Coordinator

## *Happenings at Springer Run*

Hello cold weather. Hello rain! Who has their fireplace going? Who has their furnace on? Well my fireplace is going great guns but the furnace? Hmm. Not so much.

I woke up on December 19 gasping for air because I was being suffocated by 168 pounds of dogs and a cat who had made herself into a muffler. My cheeks were really cold and now I understood the meaning of a three-dog night. Getting unearthed was interesting as no one wanted to move from their warm positions. After a thorough investigation, which took about one minute, I decided that the furnace was off and that little water drop symbol meant no propane. WHAT?!?!?! The gas company is supposed to come every month and keep it full!

Three calls to computers, who really start to sound human while you're shivering in front of the fireplace, a really person was on the line. After a review of my account it was found that last delivery had been on October 1<sup>st</sup>, they were supposed to keep my tank full and did I want some fuel. Noooo. I'm going to burn the furniture next! Yes, please come. Oh, OK, you have an appointment for December 23<sup>rd</sup> and would I like the tank filled for \$1,120? Is there anything else I can do for you? Yes, oxygen and a warm ambulance please. When I told her that I was a bit stunned by the price she said they would only come if they could fill it up and when asked the date, well they couldn't possibly come any sooner than the 23<sup>rd</sup>. I fired them on the spot. She said well I understand we'll be out to get the tank after Christmas. I said don't bother I own it! Click.

Now what to do. Who to call on a Sunday morning. I happened to get a text from a friend who asked what I was doing. I told her. About a minute later she sent me a phone number and said that her husband said to call it. That company would come. OK

I called the number and a male voice said Hi. This is Tim. I was surprised and asked if he was real or a computer. He was real.

I explained everything that had happened and told him who had given me the number. He no problem, that after church he would be at my house with whatever propane he had on his pickup. FAR OUT! Sure enough at 1 o'clock my door bell rang and here stood Tim from EnvirPro Energy. He had 7 gallons and he was apologizing that he didn't have more fuel on board! No way. I was thrilled to hear the varoom of the furnace as it came to life. Tim said he'd have the big truck come the next day and he asked very delicately if I would consider renting a tank from him, a modern tank with a computer chip that would tell him when to come and fill it up before it was the national debt. What? A 1947 tank isn't good enough? Apparently even propane tanks are computerized now. Who knew?

The next day at 7:30, I love early people, the medium truck came with a new tank. The delivery guy was nice enough to take the old tank down to the corral for my nephew to make into a smoker. What? A propane tank smoker? Well, it's big enough. 350 gallons. He installed the new tank. Only 280 gallons and said the big truck was coming tomorrow but there was 20 gallons in this one. On December 21<sup>st</sup> The Big Truck arrived at 7:15, oh I love these guys, and filled 'er up! \$961 later I had heat, a new tank, a computer chip and the promise of BBQ!

So what did you get for Christmas?

Paws to Quilt, Arlene