

Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter

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Oroville Piecemakers Host Our April 29th Meeting

Hello everyone. Oroville Piecemakers are pleased to be hosting the Spring meeting of Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter. We are expecting to see many of you on Saturday April 29th. The meeting will be held at the Palermo Grange, located at 7600 Irwin Ave in Palermo. The doors will be open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting is scheduled to begin at 11:00.

Coming from the North, drive south on Hwy. 70 below Oroville to Palermo Road on the left. Palermo Road will take you into the town of Palermo. At the 4-way stop, continue forward past the school and fire station Irwin Avenue is the next street. Turn right and proceed 2 blocks to the grange hall. Coming from the South on Hwy 70 turn right onto Palermo Road and proceed as above.

For lunch we are offering soups and salads with rolls and French bread, plus desserts. There is no charge for your meal, however we would appreciate everyone's RSVP in order to prepare accordingly. Please RSVP to Dorothy Welton at (530) 990-0620 or Email: dorothywelton@comcsast.net There will be raffle baskets and a program, plus we have room for opportunity quilts.

Looking forward to a wonderful afternoon.

Dorothy Welton and Nancy Kennedy, reps

What Happened at Our January Meeting?

Through the rain, sleet, snow and mud quilters found their way to Colusa for our January meeting. We had a great lunch and there is now a large group of "Rocco Bread" followers. Oroville Piecemakers brought their new Opportunity Quilt and Natalie from Red Bluff spoke about the Aprons for Autism project.

The program for the day was Discussion! The first topic covered was "What do you when a member goes into the storage room and rearranges all of the fabric and other items that the guild owns and they aren't even on the committee to watch over this stuff? Then when anyone else goes looking for an item they can't find it." Well, our members decided that you could padlock the closet, or tie the member to their chair but really it was decided that a gentle reminder to all that there are committees for a reason so please let them do their work and don't change it. Also labels on clear totes and on the shelves was highly recommended to keep everything in it's place ala Martha Stewart!

Next, we talked about getting and retaining new members. It's been really tough to get our members to come back to meetings so it has been even harder to attract new members. Social media posts were suggested as was giving a free Intro to Quilting class open to the public.

It has been asked we continue having discussions so we shall!

Most members moved to a bit of retail therapy after the meeting and a fun day was had by all. It was asked that we come back to Colusa for next January and some more of the bread!

Announcement!

We are on social media! Thanks Nancy Duncan for setting up our Face Book and Instagram pages. PLEASE go to them and post your quilt shows, opportunity quilts, speakers, openings in workshops and retreats. Pass on all your events! We've gone live!

Future OGNO Meetings are as Follows:

2023

July 29 – Annie’s Star - Chico

October 28 – Log Cabin Quilters – Hayfork

2024

January 27 -

April 27 – Ladies of the Lake – Lakeport – Meet The Teacher

July 27 – Mountain Quail – MacArthur

October 26 – Ocean Waves – Fort Bragg

2025

January 25 -

April 26 -

July 26 -

October 25 – Shasta Lily – Mt. Shasta

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

May 13 – Scott Valley Quilters – Fort Jones Community Center -

June 1-4 – Quilters Sew-ciety of Redding - Quilt Bash 2023 – “Quilters Across California” –

Simpson College, Redding

September – Sutter Buttes

October 7&8 – Ladies of the Lake 21st Falling Leaves Quilt Show – Lake County Fair Grounds

October 7&8 – Oroville Piecemakers – Mooretown Rancheria

November 4&5 – Mountain Quilt Guild – Brownsville Community Center

December 2&3 – Ridge Quilters – Paradise – Christmas Home Tour

Annie’s Star – Chico

Annie Star Quilt Guild will be moving in June! After decades happily meeting every month at the Masonic Family Center, May will be our last month meeting there. It has been a good "home" and the Masonic Hall have been very good to us but all good things come to an end. After months of searching, we have found a wonderful new place at Marsh Junior High Student Union! Come visit! Doors open the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM. In the alternative, you can come and say good bye to the Masonic Hall May 4th. Sandra Molton will be our speaker.

Happy possibly spring to all!

Sue Good, rep

Flying Needles Quilt Guild, Yolo County

We have had some pretty exciting teachers over the last couple of months. We had Linda Schmidt in February. She does landscape quilts with every kind of material you can think of. She even used, used drier sheets. Her class may not be for everyone, but even to just attend the class was a remarkable experience.

In March we had Colleen Erdes, a Laura Heine certified instructor, also owner of the Dixon quilt store, In Stitches. This is a collage class using Steam a Seam II, learning lots of cutting tricks and different ways to look at fabric patterns. She used a striped fabric to show us a really cool way to cut it to use for stems for flowers. In April we are having Anelie Belden, author of “Thoroughly Modern Dresden”, quick and easy construction. She has created a Stitch and Flip method which makes the piecing more successful and eliminates the need to applique the outside edges. Sounds interesting.

We're gearing up to manage the Home Arts Building at the county fair in August. Lots of work for us but we get the building we want at the fairgrounds for our quilt show next year.

I am planning to enjoy some outdoor time soon. Supposed to have one more storm then we should be home free. See you soon.

JoAnn Young, Rep

Grapevine Quilters of Mendocino County – Ukiah
Heart of the Basin – Klamath Falls

Ladies of the Lake

Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild is working on finalizing elements for our quilt show. #

Our featured quilter is Anelie Belden. She has taken the traditional Dresden quilt design and created new updated Dresden Designs which are featured in her book "Thoroughly Modern Dresden." Anelie's designs are modern and constructed using a breakthrough piecing technique to improve speed and accuracy.

If anyone wants to enter a quilt, an *entry form must be submitted by August 13, 2023*. There is no limit on the number of quilts you may enter but each quilt entered must have its own entry form. Entry fee is \$8 and includes judging. See our website for entry forms and more information. <http://www.llqg.org/quilt-show.html>

We have returned to in person meetings on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00am at the Lakeport Senior Center on 527 Konocti Ave. – Lakeport, CA. Here is a list of our meeting topics for the rest of 2023.

June: Book Sale

July: Dorie Javier: Lecture: My Quilting Then And Now Workshop: Sashiko

August: Gretchen Moore: Trunk Show Workshop: Pat Dandy's Stained Glass Sweatshirt

September: Laura Fogg: Lecture: Perspective in Art Quilts
Workshop: Small Art Quilts

October: Quilt Show: Anelie Belden as our Featured Artist

November: Karen Bolan: Lecture: Learn with Every Quilt Workshop: Piece Curves and Play with Transparency (Modern Style)

December: Christmas Party

Suzanne Lee & Susanne Scholz, reps

Log Cabin Quilters – Hayfork

Hayfork Log Cabin Quilters, like so many others, have been dealing with large amounts of snow and damage from storms. We were without power for several days and it seems like there is no time to do anything but the necessities. Personally, I'm spending a lot of time dealing with downed trees and branches now that the snow has finally melted. No time for sewing except for a few stolen minutes here and there.

The Guild is still working on our mystery quilt challenge and that has been a fun project and we have our Spring retreat in mid-April which I know we are very much looking forward to. We hope you all stay safe, warm and dry!

Diana Stewart, rep

Mostly Modern Quilters of Chico - Virtual Group

Happy Spring!

Welcome to 2023. This first quarter we have implemented our new schedule of sews and meetings occurring in alternating months. We will continue to meet on zoom.

Our theme this year is collaboration. And each show and tell is a rich exchange of inspiration. Participants share design and techniques they've learned through a variety of resources. And our gathering summaries usually include links to resources new to us.

One of my favorite meetings each year is our QuiltCon recap. And this year's was an ocean of inspiration. You can view the [2023 winners](#). If you aren't a member of the MQG, you can google "QuiltCon 2023 recaps" to find many blog entries for those who attended. I especially appreciated Sherri Lynn Wood's perspective. If you've ever wanted a behind the scenes of a jurying process for an international show, Steph Skardal shared her experience serving as a juror for QuiltCon. Her [post](#) expresses her own opinions and experiences. If you aren't a member of the MQG, you can explore more than 6000 images by using #QuiltCon2023 on Instagram.

Wishing everyone kindness and positive connections. Cathleen

Cathleen Wolford, rep

Mountain Quail Quilters Guild - McArthur

Hello from Burney and the Intermountain Area northeast of Redding with a good 8" of new snow now coating our landscape! Just got the last batch cleared up!! Viva la water this summer!

MQQG remains as active as ever in spite of cancelling our March meeting due to snow and messy roads. Our April 13th meeting will have member, Kaye Burns, teaching us how to make a miniature quilt (18" x 24") called Fun-House-damentals! It is a fun scrappy quilt with 16 houses in it. Hope to share results at April QGNQ meeting.

Cindy Needham is coming in May to teach us Beginning Free Motion Quilting and we continue to supply our local long term care facilities (2) with quilts.

Pat Pell, rep

Ocean Wave Quilters – Fort Bragg

Still getting lots of rain here on the North Coast. I can't imagine the rhododendrons being any happier! Of course, that's offset by the trees that just can't survive this much water and decide to topple over. Some roads have been closed briefly, but so far the trees have managed to avoid structures; fingers crossed that continues. One problem we have is the eucalyptus trees that were all planted about 150 years ago in a misguided attempt to provide fast-growing lumber for railroad ties and buildings. Unfortunately, their tendency to twist while drying made them unsuitable for both, so they were left to grow unmanaged. And now having surpassed their lifespan and with their shallow root systems, those big guys are falling over!

We just had our guild meeting where we unveiled our "Brown Bag Challenge" results. Some very creative and beautiful projects came out of those lunch bags of what might be labeled "very challenging" fabrics! Quilts, of course, but some great wall hangings, table runners, placemats, aprons, and stuffed animals all showed that what's unappealing to some can be worked into magical results by others.

And this weekend we wrapped up our March 4-day retreat at the Grange Hall up in Inglenook. So nice to set up our machines and walk away at the end of the day, knowing the projects will be there first thing the next morning ready for a fresh new start. Attendance wasn't as robust as it has been in years past – I think we're still seeing a little pandemic-caution, as well as people deciding to get out of town to visit family now that they can. But those that made the trek enjoyed themselves.

Next up is our Appreciation Luncheon, where we take a moment to pat each other on the back for all of the community quilts and other projects we make throughout the year with a lunch where we actually send out for sandwiches and salads, rather than pot-lucking. We also have a speaker who does a trunk show – this year it's Linda Wagner (addquilter.com), on "Color is NOT a Four-Letter Word". This lecture includes samples of quilts and garments of the quilter's

progression with use of color. (Many of Linda's quilts contain 100-400 fabrics. Many friends describe her approach to color as fearless.) This is not a lecture about art principles, instead it is simple, easy to apply principles that will take the fear factor out of color choices. This lecture includes techniques to help stretch your personal "comfort zone".

The following day, Linda will do a workshop on "Color Exploration - Ohio Stars", which is more than just color but also how to make Ohio Stars without doing triangles. Students will use 4 strips of 3 colors to make a checkerboard. Two extra seams and cuts and they will have enough star points to produce two blocks. The accent and background fabrics will swap places in the blocks.

And we will reveal the results of our UFO challenge – last fall, those who had UFOs they wanted out of their lives put them into plain brown grocery bags, left them anonymously on a table at the beginning of the meeting, and those who brought a bag went home with a (hopefully different) bag with someone else's UFO in it. They could finish the UFO in whatever way they chose – continuing down the same path or taking it completely apart to turn it into something entirely new. Last year was our first year doing this challenge and the results blew us away! Such creativity!

Finally, our Quilt Show is fast approaching – it's the last full weekend in June – this year, June 24th and 25th. It should be a great show! We'll be back at Dana Gray Elementary School, where the lighting is just so lovely. Our featured artist is our very own talented Carole Poma, who does amazing free-motion quilting, including some stunning whole-cloth quilts, as well as intricate thread-painting. We'll also have a special exhibit of 100 SAQA small quilts from the collection of our member, Sue Arnold. Admission is \$10, good for both days. Come to the Coast, where you know the weather will be absolutely fantastic!

Sharon Lau, representative

Orland Quilters - Orland

The Orland quilters have been busy with speakers, the county fair coming up, and our block of the month. Last year we completed 12 months of a 9 Patch Exchange. The 12 members who participated now have 144 blocks to put together into a quilt. This year we are making 2 Spool blocks each month with a different quilt block in the center. This will make some more great quilts!

Carol Palmer & Ria Poldevaart Reps

Pacific Flyway Quilters – Colusa

By the last week of April, the weather should really be spring like. So, the Pacific Flyway Quilters has a retreat planned for April 27 through April 29, 2023. We still have a few openings available at the remarkable price of \$90 for the 3-day event. It will be located at the Masonic Lodge at 311 Fifth Street, Colusa. There will be guest speakers, fabric store, and food "batting" for the evening meals will be provided. We are asking that you bring a dessert or salad to share with dinner. You will need to bring your own lunch or you can always try one of the delicious food places in Colusa. Please send your \$90 (payable to FAQ) to Kathleen Leavings at 9 Aspen Court, Colusa, CA 95932. All monies are to be paid in full by Tuesday, April 25 to give us enough time to finalize our plans before the start of the retreat. If you have any questions, please call Kathleen at 530-908-0691.

Loving the weather change.

JoAnn Young, guild rep

Redding Sew-ciety Quilt Guild.

Ridge Quilters – Paradise

Popping our heads out of the snow to tell you Paradise has added some evening meetings. They are at the Elks lodge on Clark Rd. From 6-8pm.

April program is Kim Brownwell the wacky doodle quilter.

July is bunco

**August is our wonderful Arlene Arnold. 250 Years of Quilt, History and Women Who Made It
Everyone is welcome.**

Also, a heads up that this year is our bi annual Christmas Home Tour. Stay tuned for more information on dates and times.

Becky Ray, rep

Shasta Lily

Scott Valley Quilters –

Our group is getting ready for our Quilt Show on May 13, 2023. We are back at the Fort Jones Community Center and will have lots of room for our beautiful quilts. Michele Estrada is our featured quilter this year. A country store will have lots of great items for sale. This year we will also have a silent auction with beautiful kits and a brand-new sewing machine. Also, the winner of our Opportunity Quilt will be drawn. All proceeds will benefit our scholarship program. I hope you can come and join us!

We have had several classes, a Mystery Quilt project and of course, our UFO program. We enjoyed pie in March for our accomplishments over the year. We keep very busy. Our group meets on Tuesday and Friday to sew.

We are giving out another 20 Veteran Quilts in the valley in June. So, we have been sewing quilts for them.

Michele Estrada, rep and President

Sun Country Quilters of Red Bluff

Our guild is busy getting ready for our Quilt Show on April 1 & 2. As much as we appreciate the rain, we are hoping for some nice sunny weather and a great turn out. A special event at this show will be a bed turning which will be shown at 11 and 2 on Saturday and again at noon on Sunday. There will be some wonderful old quilts shown by Cathy Anderson and Angie Birkeland. 11 vendors will be on hand, as well as a boutique bursting at the seams and the opportunity to win some wonderful door prizes and baskets of goodies!

At our last meeting we voted on some interesting challenge entries; each one had to incorporate 4 blocks from our SCQ cookbook as well as relate to our "Covered in Memories" show theme by using an assigned piece of novelty fabric. It was definitely a challenge, but we have 9 brave members who tackled it this year for our entry display at the show. On the next row back Janyce Mathis, our Featured Quilter, will be showing a lot of quilts, pushing our total quilt count to well over 200 for this show. We offer the option of having entries judged at our shows and Arlene Arnold will be performing those duties for us this time.

So once that all comes down and is tucked away, next on the agenda at our guild will be the drawing of our Opportunity Quilt, "Sunset Medallion" at our guild meeting on April 24. Immediately following the drawing, we will reveal our next Opportunity Quilt for 2024. Our next one was made by Natalie Larson and finished by one of our small groups. We are all looking forward to seeing how that turns out.

We can't fail to mention the coming Tehama District Fair which will be held in Red Bluff on May 4 through May 7 this year. Our guild has sponsored an award at this show for the best quilt using the color Red, in memory of Pam Allred, who was so important to our guild's success for nearly 20 years. Several of our dedicated members have been volunteering to set up the Home Arts building at our county fair for many years. This is primarily an effort to show the community what

the guild does, fulfilling part of our mission statement. We hope to keep quilting and home arts a big part of the county fair experience. Since our own quilt show is only for members' quilts, this is also a wonderful chance for all quilters and other sewers to show their skills and maybe win a ribbon!

2023 is already going by so fast; before we know it, we will be at the end of May where we will be meeting with Gwen Weedon who will provide a workshop for our guild. Then on to the summer months, for even more quilting experiences...

Hope everyone has a chance to visit our quilt show in Red Bluff!

MaryAnn Crain

Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild

We don't very often have a speaker, but this month we had the CEO from Casa de Eperanza in Yuba City. This is a shelter for battered/abused women and children. It was quite an informative program and gave us a lot of information as to why such a shelter is needed, how it works, and what more is needed to keep the program running. She will get back to us with what we can do to help the program in addition to providing quilts for the residents. Most stays average 45 days, but some are much longer, so the need is great.

As usual, we had a large quantity of quilts/tops turned in for community service. We did not do as well as last month (27), but we still had over 15 turned in. Not bad for a small group.

Plans are already shaping up for our quilt show in September. Be sure to put it on your calendar. We may be small, but we still manage to put on a nice show, especially since we have some very talented quilters in our group.

We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 10 am at the Native Daughters Hall in Sutter. Come see us and bring your opportunity quilt when you can. Call Jan Johnson to schedule a time. We like to see your work.

Sharon Easter, Rep.

Valley Quilt Guild

It's March and almost time for the Quilt show wrap-up meeting. Our show was on March 11-12 and was very well attended from far and wide. The front part of the show was made up of all red, white, and blue quilts. They put on a spectacular showing for all to see. And we had about 32 quilts specifically made to be awarded to area veterans. Some were in the military for 20+ years, others were in for as little as 2-3 years, some were relatively young, and some were in their 90's. The presentation was done at the end of the show and was a very emotional and touching ceremony. Not all of the veterans were able to attend, but they sent relatives or friends to accept their quilts.

This was the first year that we have had the new pole and drape system for hanging quilts. Everyone loved them! They were much lighter and easier to set up than the old wooden ones, but we still have to get more of them so the entire show will be on display with them.

Now that the 2023 show is over, we already have a volunteer for the 2024 show, and just because we know her, we know it will also be a fabulous show next year. 2023 was our 40th year for shows, and that means 40 windsocks. The Y-S Fair management was so impressed with the socks they asked if they could borrow them for the Yuba-Sutter Fair. Of course, we said yes!

Upcoming programs will include show wrap-up in March, Yvonne Phenicie in April, and Karen Bolan in May. All should be very entertaining meetings.

Come join us when you are in the area on the last Wednesday each month. We meet at Cal Trans in Marysville.

Sharon Easter, Rep