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The Deadlines Are:

Show & Tell photos for
April Zoom Meeting
Sunday, April 3

May Newsletter
Sunday, April 11

Send your photos and
submission for both
Show & Tell and the
Newsletter to:

Holly Miner, editor at
hollyminer@aol.com

April 2021 President's Message



Happy Easter! *Loved the Easter Egg hunts when my girls were little!*

Our last general Zoom meeting was lots of fun! There were 50 members and 1 guest. We had a wonderful presentation by one of our affiliates, Sandra Bruce, of Sandra Bruce Creative Longarm Quilting. It was very informative. In April, we will have a presentation by another of our affiliates, Christine Barnes, of Christine Barnes Designs.

The interaction among members was great to see. It was also fun to see the members who dressed up in green and had St. Patrick's Day headgear on. Do not forget to wear yellow and your favorite Easter bonnet or rabbit ears at the next Zoom meeting on April 6. We will also have the reveal of the March Mystery match-up. It should be another fun evening.

One item that I brought up at the meeting was storage space for donations to Community Service and Treasure Table. We appreciate your donations but we are running out of room. There are many items donated that cannot be used. Only cotton fabric should be donated to Community Service. No fancy fabrics like silk or polyester, sewing patterns, or leftover batting scraps used in dog beds should be donated. Treasure Table does not need any more magazines or books. Please, recycle those through your normal recycling method. Recently there were a lot of books donated that were so old even the Thrift Shop did not want them. The ladies at Community Service and Treasure Table work hard to keep things organized and your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Barbara Ceresa, President



March Mystery Mailings Pals are Busy

Looks like there will be some merry March Mystery madness afoot!

Twenty-six guild members signed up to receive the name of a Mystery Pal and have been gathering goodies to send to their pals for our March Mystery Mailings.



As the organizer (but wishing I could participate too) I was surprised myself when I went to my mailbox and found an envelope addressed to me! No hints about the sender were included, but in perusing the contents I have my guess ready and hope to find out if I'm right at our Mystery Pal reveal at our April meeting on Zoom. For those of you to are participating but cannot join us at our April 6 meeting, I will be revealing the Mystery Pals in the May newsletter. ***Until then--keep guessing and have fun!***

Ruth Bertaccini

Call for Board Members

We currently have a number of positions open.

Education Outreach: Information on this is on the webpage – www.pinetreequiltguild.com/additional-activities/ This won't be active until classrooms are back to meeting in person but it would be great having a Chairperson ready to go.

Guild Challenge: This person determines the guild challenge theme for quilts to be revealed at the yearly March Mixer meeting.

Holiday Program: We hope that we're able to meet in person for our December meeting. This person (or persons) plan a Holiday Program for the meeting.

Meeting Setup: This won't be active until we can meet in person. But this person (or persons) would be responsible for setup/teardown at the meetings.

Publicity: This person is responsible for letting the public know about important happenings in the Quilt Guild. We have a lot going on, even though we aren't meeting in person so it would be great to have this position filled right away.

Show and Tell Schedule

Until we have an "all clear", our General Meetings will continue via Zoom. Show & Tell helps make the meeting fun! Your quilts and other creations are always encouraged but should you want some other ideas, including what color to wear, here is a list to cover the next few months:



April 6: wear yellow/gold and your BEST Easter Bonnet

Theme is anything "Spring" plus we can start guessing who is our Mystery Pal

- **May 4 (wear Pink)** "Mother's Day" or "May the Fourth Be with You"
- **June 1 (wear Purple/violet)** "All Creatures Great & Small" or "Father's Day"
- **July 6 (wear Blue or White)** "Family Time" or "Vacations"



Guild Challenge Results

We had a great turnout for our 2021 Guild Challenge, "Finish It". We had 22 entries. The first place winner was "Trade Routes" by Stephanie Bennett Strauss. The second place winner was "Bliss" by Susie Hardy. The third place winner was "Art Deco" by Cheryl Klein. All entries can be viewed [on our website](#).





COMMUNITY SERVICE

From Nancy Holtz, Community Service Chair

Thanks to all who have contributed quilts, tops, pillow cases, fabric, and their time for Community Service. As soon as Nevada County is out of the purple tier and quilts are delivered to clients, our shelves will need to be filled again.

Because of differing measurements, these are the sizes we use for our Community Service quilts:

BABY: 30"-40" by 36-40"

LAP/JUVENILE: 38"-42" by 38"-48"

TWIN: 60"-64" by 74"-80"

DOUBLE: 72"-80" by 80"-88"

QUEEN/KING: 80"-86" by 90"-104"

CPS: same measurements as lap and are made withOUT batting.

PILLOWCASE: roughly 27" - body, 3" for accent, and 9" for cuff. These measurements are for a standard pillow. 1"-2" larger is fine.



We meet the first and third Thursdays each month in the back of the Nevada County Historical Building from 9-1. This is located next to Sierra Presbyterian Church at the wonky corner of Ridge Rd. and Nevada City Hwy.

Stay well.
Nancy



Mountain Art Quilters. We are a group of 40 art quilters, with the goal to grow our art quilt knowledge and expertise.

We have 13 challenge categories each year. Members are required to participate in a minimum of one challenged in order to maintain membership. We meet the fourth Wednesday of the month, currently via Zoom from 1-3pm, Three of our meetings are the Challenge Reveals. Other meetings include member show and tell, hosting guest speakers and demonstrations by members to push ourselves forward, expanding our personal creativity and skills. Our pieces are all original from design conception to a finished art quilt. MAQ members enjoy lasting friendships by working, creating and inspiring each other. We currently have openings for membership, if you are interested in joining our group, please contact one of our members.



Placemats for Seniors Project

Last month we told you about an exciting new project we are calling Placemats for Seniors. To date, we have about 30 placemats turned into community service and a dozen or so kits out for assembly. We would like to build on this good start by challenging all of our generous mini groups. It would be wonderful if the members of your mini group would each make one placemat for our project. The goal is to have 200 mats ready to distribute through Meals on Wheels by the end of May.

The recommended size is 12" x 18" but there is no set pattern. You can let your imagination run wild and just have fun with this. Placemats are a quick and easy way to use up scraps, orphan blocks, leftover strips or just try out a new design. Something as simple as a pretty fabric, quilted, with a contrasting border would look lovely. Remember that we have both ladies and gentlemen served by meals on wheels, so keep that in mind when choosing your fabrics.

Once we get back to regular meetings, I hope to have a table area set up where you can turn in completed placemats and pick up a kit, if you would like one. Also Nancy reminds us that Community Service has a wealth of fabric and you are welcome to come select some for your project.

If you would like a simple pattern that uses "quilt-as-you-go" and fold over binding, go to our website and select Upcoming Events . Scroll down to see Placemats for Meals on Wheels and the Senior Center. Click where it says "here" and it should bring up more information. Click on "here" again to see the pattern, both with and without pictures.

Happy Quilting 😊

Joan Mosley





Ginny Gleason Patchwork Star April 2021

Ginny skips up to the edge, tests the waters and dives in. She sees and demystifies. She hears and remembers. She dabbles and becomes serious.

A neophyte quilter and patron of "Ben's", Ginny is building her stash. Speaking with unhurried softness: "If I can read the directions, I can do it!" Nary an inch nor a nook of her Alta Sierra home is not graced with her heretofore designed doilies, afghans or photographs. Newly completed placemats and a table runner add to the visual interest. Ginny and husband, Roland, are like-minded and tenacious hobbyists.

Roland, auto mechanic and computer guru, can fix anything! Or, if you prefer, he can paint an ocean scene or re-finish a table. Sanding the pieces of an antique buggy seat in his

sizable workshop, he greeted us with a smile. Roland and Ginny have been married just two and a half years. Such an adoring couple!

Skipping through the years, a whirlwind of varied adventures are of note. Ginny, wearing a sheepish grin, admits to competing at mostly California Rodeos in the Barrel Race on "Joe Clabber", her winning quarter horse. Sparkles, spurs and stretch lame, she lived the dream of a Southern California diva! Quipping: "If I'm going to do something, I'm going to learn to do it the very best I can!" And then: Ginny had her own photography business in Glendale, shooting the likes of Ronald Reagan with her fancy Hasselblad for a magazine article! And then: she decided to learn to bowl. For 25 years, not content to "just do it for fun", she won money with her 152 average taking her to tournaments as far away as Texas! And then: with nimble fingers and discerning eyesight she mastered Hardanger on steroids! Ginny spent one year on a Hardanger, a Norwegian cut-work embroidery about 20x20 inches with DMC 5, 8 and 12 on 22-count Hardanger fabric. Having a mindset of precision and employing an element of exactness, this doily is a real marvel. And then: more recently Ginny won Best of Division for her Swedish Weaving afghan at our Fair. And then: Nevada County Fair goes graced her with a People's Choice Award for her photographic depiction of a barrel racer printed in black and white. She and Roland have traveled to exotic locales (including a honeymoon in Paris). What a guy!

Uninhibited, versatile and confident, Ginny may be a force to be reckoned with, as we inch through our Covid-ly and carefully constricted existence. Her new Viking Sapphire awaits her in a comfy, well-lighted and aptly appointed sewing room. A fondness for beauty and her expertise in complex handiwork is a sure litmus test for quilting success. She says: "If I make a mistake, I must take it out and start over." But, I will bet we'd never see it anyway...



Jeanie Ferguson
Patchwork Star Reporter



April Birthdays

- 1 Judy Hamilton
- 2 Sue Miller
- 8 Paula Michalski
- 8 Raedean Hunter
- 8 Julie Clawson
- 14 Jeanne Pincha-Tulley
- 14 Barbara Stein
- 14 Ginny Petersen
- 16 Ina Gibson
- 19 Pamela Hall
- 21 Debe Wilson
- 26 Trish Morris-Plise
- 28 Lila Sugg
- 28 Star Parker
- 29 Marjorie McConnell
- 30 Ingrid Peterson



April Anniversaries

- 10 Cathy & Rich Stone
- 12 Susanne & Don Haislet
- 15 Lynette & Louis Lester
- 18 Bernie & Ray Kringel
- 24 Carey & Jim Daly
- 27 Paulette & Will Snyders



March Financial Report

As of February 28, 2021

Deposits		Expenses
\$386.05		\$449.00

Questions? Contact the Treasurer

Share and Care



Do you know someone in the Guild who is under the weather and can use some cheering? Whether it is an illness, surgery, or loss of a loved one, please let Mary Ross know so she can send an appropriate card.

Thank you!
Mary Ross, Chairperson

(see roster for Mary's phone & email)



How to make a pattern better!

For our March meeting Show and Tell, Joy Waggener shared the quilt at left.

She used the pattern: "It's Good to be Square" by [A Quilters Dream](#).

By using a slightly different arrangement for the blocks and using fabrics with more contrast, Joy created a unique quilt for a family member.



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Refer to your Roster or our website

Find us on 

Let's keep connected during these difficult times! Has anyone recently finished a quilt?

Let's share on our FB Page

www.facebook.com/PineTreeQuiltGuild/

Or, share on your FB page with the hashtag [#ptqqquilts](#) so we can find them.

Sophia, Web Liaison Chair

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Christine is a contemporary quilter who is passionate about color. Workshops include Modern Color, Elegant Circles, Sassy Circles II, Spumoni, Urban Ombrès, and Urban Sunsets. Her book, *The Quilter's Color Club*, was published by C&T, and her quilts have appeared in *Modern Patchwork*, *American Patchwork & Quilting*, *McCall's Quilting* and *American Quilter*. Her online store includes books, patterns, color wheels, and Gelato ombre and Grunge fabrics. Christine lives in Grass Valley and teaches regionally and nationally for quilt guilds. To see her work and sign up for "Christine's Color Connection" newsletter, visit her site, www.christinebarnes.com



The Hand Quilters

Do you like the look of hand quilting but can't do it yourself?

Do you have an old quilt top needing hand stitching and TLC to bring it back to life?

**Contact *The Hand Quilters*, a group of 8 friends
who are keeping the hand quilting tradition alive.**

Prices vary according to complexity and size; marking is available, estimates gladly given.

Contact us at: TheHandQuilters@gmail.com



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