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The Deadlines Are:

Show & Tell photos for
May Zoom Meeting
Sunday, May 2

June Newsletter
Sunday, May 16

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

Holly Miner, editor at
hollyminer@aol.com

May 2021 President's Message



As I am writing this in April, it seems strange to be looking toward May when we would be preparing for our quilt show. So sad that it is the second time we have had to cancel.

On a brighter note, we had a fun Zoom general meeting in April. The Easter bonnets and rabbit ears made it very festive. It was fun hearing the Mystery Pal participants guess who their secret pal was. By now, all of you in the guild should have received your surprise package in the mail. The Guild Board really enjoyed planning this.

I want to share with you a story about what happened the day my husband and I took over 130 envelopes to the Post Office. We arrived at 9:15 am thinking we would not be holding up a lot of people needing to send packages. The lady behind the counter looked at the big box and several large bags of envelopes and said, "I can't meter all of those". I looked at my husband and said, "I thought the Post Office needed business". She said, "In the future you may want to buy a scale for your office" which I replied "I don't have an office. This is a one-time event for our quilt guild members". She then said, "I can sell you stamps that you can put on those". She then proceeded to weigh each envelope and put them in piles by the amount of stamps they needed. My husband and I got busy. In the end the postal lady was even putting stamps on. While this was going on we could hear a rooster crowing from the back room. I thought it was maybe a clock or a ring tone on a phone. The postal lady said, "We are shipping out the rooster and some chicks for the local feed store". I commented that I was from the bay area and never once did I hear a rooster crowing at the Post Office. Only in farm country can you encounter an event like this. How fun!

Barbara Ceresa, President



MARCH MYSTERY PALS REVEALED

Our April 6 Zoom guild meeting was such fun as the members who signed up for a Secret Pal took turns telling about the package of goodies they received and guessed (sometimes making several guesses!) who sent it to them. In case you missed the fun here are the matches:

- Barbara Ceresa - Rita Behr
- Alice Ruth Mischke - Jan Warholic
- Sue Miller - Kris Cook
- Kathy Biggi - Julie Berry
- Judy Hamilton - Judy Vaughn
- Jean Marie McDonald - Susie Hardy
- Holly Miner - Betty Maddox
- Bernie Kringel - Susanne Haislet
- Sue Marshall - Margaret Boothby
- Karle deProsse - Sheri Doerr
- Karla Rogers - Lillian Glaeser
- Betsy Smith - Vaughn Marie Rodriguez
- Chris Panos - Michael King

(These were reciprocal matches so Barbara had Rita and Rita had Barbara, etc.)

Ruth Bertaccini

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of March 18th, we are 171 members strong which includes a returning member, Ruth Mary Harrop. Welcome back, Ruth Mary. Our guild also can boast of having 18 affiliates members. I think our founding mothers would be proud!

Ruth Bertaccini, Membership Chair

MARCH MYSTERY MAILINGS THANK YOUS

Wishing we could be meeting together like we did last year helped bring this idea to life.

Hopefully the April surprises that were delivered brought a little smile to your day.

Here are a few of the thank you notes we received and wanted to share with you all.

"Please pass on my THANKS to the committee members that sent our the surprise packages in the mail. What a great idea!" Sue Fisher

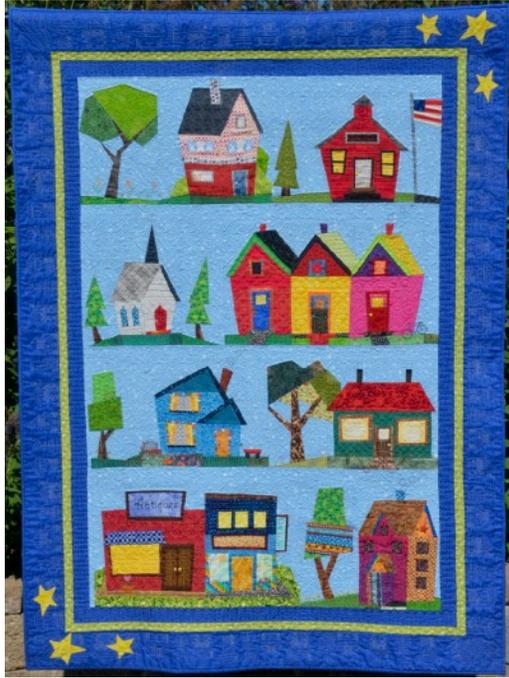
"What a nice way to welcome newcomers with a great surprise in the mail! The undersea fabric brings back scuba diving memories and will make fun placemats for breakfast! Thank you!" Diane Wetzel

"Thank you for the packet of quilting goodies! All good stuff! And much appreciated. You put a smile in my day." Connie Ferrao

"Thanks so much for my April Surprise! I don't have (all) the fabric included in the packet and I plan to use the Hide and Seek pattern--we all have 5" squares. Thanks too for ALL your creativity during this past unusual year." Carey Daly

"Thank you for the table runner pattern, fabric and recipes. Between the Covid and my heart attack and triple bypass surgery I haven't done much quilting. I plan on starting some projects now that I am better. I hope we will be able to start the meetings again soon. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness." Barbara Huntington

Ruthie



Opportunity Quilt News

The Board has approved to show our next Opportunity Quilt, "It Takes a Village". The quilt winner will be drawn at our May 2022 Quilt Show.

With the go ahead for the Nevada County Fair, Draft Horse Classic and Country Christmas we will definitely have those locations to sell Opportunity Quilt tickets. We also have special quilts for the Draft Horse Classic and Country Christmas where we will be selling tickets for those quilts. If local guilds resume meetings we can get the quilt out and about. Thank you for those who have already paid for your tickets.

And, good news is that we already have a LOVELY quilt in the wings for 2023!

Holly Miner and Sophia Day, Co-Chairs



Visiting Gateway Science Museum through June 5

Stitching California: Fiber Artists Interpret the State's People, Life, and Land showcases an exciting collection of art quilts that interpret the complexities of the Golden State. Enjoy a balanced show of beauty, originality, thought-provoking content, realistic and abstract imagery, and quality workmanship.

Gateway Science Museum
625 Esplanade
(near Bidwell Mansion)
Chico, CA 95929-0545

Fridays & Saturdays
11 am – 4 pm
Reservations required
Admission is free

Presenting a well-rounded picture of a complex state, *Stitching California* displays works from many artists working in California and neighboring states today. Their dynamic offerings pay tribute to iconic California views, and to the beautiful native flora of the state. But distinct, darker themes also emerge: the impacts of climate change through drought, flood, and fire. Rendered in diverse ways, *Stitching California's* 2D and 3D fiber works contain references to industry, economy, geography, and topography, and run the emotional gamut from hope to despair.

For more information and to make reservations visit our website at csuchico.edu/gateway/

This exhibit is locally sponsored by a generous donation from The Sitton Family.

Stitching California

This sounds like a very interesting exhibit.

Here is a link to the museum page with more information about the exhibit:

[Stitching California Exhibit](#)

Due to COVID, reservations are required. The direct link for people to reserve their timed entry is:

[Link to Timed Entry](#)

This was shared by Sharon Ellisor. Her daughter, Rachel, is on the board of the Gateway Science Museum at CSU Chico.



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:

May 4: wear pink and let your clothing be inspired by “May the Fourth be with You!” Theme is Mother’s Day.

We would love to see photos of some of your Senior Project Placemats!



• **June 1 (wear Purple/violet)** theme is “All Creatures Great & Small” or “Father’s Day”

• **We are hoping for a REAL picnic but if still with Zoom...July 6 (wear Blue or White)** Theme is “Family Time” or “Vacations”

COMMUNITY SERVICE

From Nancy Holtz, Community Service Chair

Community Service was able to deliver 107 quilts the past two weeks thanks to our county being in the red tier. Quilts/pillowcases were given to Hospitality House, Christian Encounter Ranch, Golden Empire Convalescent Hospital, Wolf Creek Rehab and CPS (no pillow cases for CPS).

One of the most recent organizations to receive quilts is Christian Encounter Ranch in south county. It is a non profit, non-denominational residential community helping 15-24 year olds by providing love, high school education, counseling and spiritual guidance with 24 hour supervision. It was established 50 years ago.

We have many ongoing projects including making placemat kits, cutting fabric for quilt/pillowcase kits, cutting batting for existing quilt tops, sewing on labels, sorting donations, and of course enjoying each other’s company and quilting hints. Quilts are available to take home to quilt and bind also.

We meet the first and third Thursdays from 9-1 at the back of the Nevada County Historical Society building next to Sierra Presbyterian church at the wonky corner of Ridge Road and Nevada City Highway.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us with donations, sewing and volunteering. We have a great group of ladies with which to enjoy this part of life.

Questions ? Call Nancy Holtz-number is in the roster.





Placemats for Seniors Project

Looking for a fast, easy project while supporting the community? Placemats for Seniors still needs more placemats to fulfill our goal of donating one hundred to our local Meals on Wheels and Senior Center.

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.

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.

And, there are kits already prepared and ready to be picked up from Community Service (where you drop off your finished placemats).

Happy Quilting 😊

Joan Mosley

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, however 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.



Laura Greenman Patchwork Star May 2021



I'd wager Laura has the distinction of having shopped the most fabric stores of anyone I know. Husband, Bill, with his passion for Vintage Auto Racing, competes nationwide. Criss-crossing our nation for long periods of time, the Greenmans live in their comfy Itaska. This motorhome pulls the requisite car hauler making a lengthy and formidable rig. So, after helping with simple preparatory tasks like filling the tires of their racing car with proper air, Laura manages to slip away with her fellow quilter buddy to seek out the best quilt shops. With a lively smile, Laura recalls: "I have my favorites." For example: Fields Fabric Store in Michigan, Batiks, Etc. in Virginia, Amish selections in Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania. Imagine the thrill! With no time to take classes (Laura works in the Special Education Department at Union Hill School), she gleans inspiration and how-to clips from Pinterest and U-tube videos.

A relative newbie to quilting, yet delightfully uninhibited, her joy of discovery and acquisition of half yard cuts has given her a stash with a 5-star rating! I "climbed" into one of her drawers and didn't want to come out! So many cabinets and cupboards revealed an orderly sophistication of vibrant and lusty choices of perfectly folded ½ yard cuts. I was immediately overstimulated. No solids, no primary colors allowed. There was an abundance of Laura's favorite shades of blue: cerulean, cobalt, teal, midnight, azure with compliments of wisteria and aubergine to enliven the mix. Unfolding and drooling, together we envisioned future projects.

Practicality came into focus as Laura mentioned the expected arrival of her first grandchild. A boy! Since her favorite color is blue including all of its first and second cousins, Laura is free to dream up a grand plan. Meantime, her penchant for crocheting blankets provides another avenue of interest. She showed me a robust collection of crocheted blankets, all abloom with blue/purple/off-white themes. I immediately noticed her family room's navy couch was "screaming" for such a one.

Also, Laura's photography interests figure in to her creative activities. She is a member of the Nevada County Camera Club. With Laura's recent dabbling in art quilting, her floral pictorial subjects can naturally be represented in fabric. Ananda's famed tulips, she agreed, would translate well. She quipped, "I have this vision of a black and white composition that would include a touch of sharp red." She has plans to attend a 3-day retreat to learn raw-edge applique. So perfect! Currently, a dramatic sunset is taking shape as she attempts to machine-quilt wobbly striations of vibrant yellows and oranges. "I like this process for the freedom it gives, an imperfect non-traditional theme." She is greatly energized by her successes and already wants to do another sunset.

With certainty, I can attest the forecast is for Laura's pursuit of a baby boy layette of endless projects.

There is nothing like being a first time Grandma!



Jeanie Ferguson
Patchwork Star Reporter

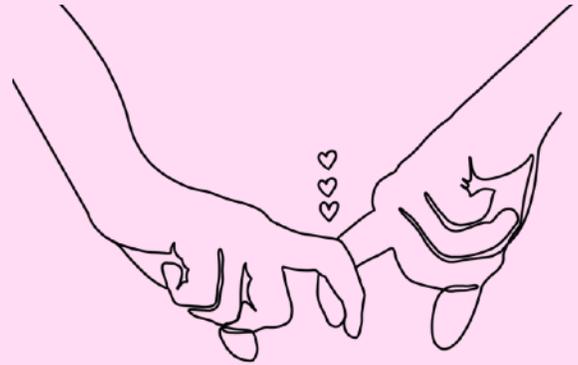


May Birthdays



- 3 Sharon Kreiss
- 5 Barbara Ceresa
- 6 Sharon Laton-Schmidt
- 7 Deanna Davis
- 9 Robin Mello
- 15 Maggie Glassoff
- 16 Carol Morrow
- 16 Arlene Robertson
- 17 Marilyn Aldridge
- 20 Susan Robertson
- 21 Susan Hopkins
- 22 Shirley Grear
- 23 Frances O'Brien
- 24 Robi Holmen

May Anniversaries



- 6 Judy & David Moore
- 7 Barbara & Bill Ceresa
- 14 Vaughn Marie & Robert Rodriguez
- 15 Jeanne & Jerry Allgood
- 20 Paula & Mark Michalski
- 20 Jeanne & Jeff Rupp
- 22 Trish & Norm Morris-Plise
- 29 Virginia & John Astorian
- 30 Francesca & Robert Erickson

March Financial Report

As of March 31, 2021

Deposits		Expenses
\$282.00		\$849.32

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)



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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](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/ptqqquilts) so we can find them.

Sophia, Web Liaison Chair



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Affiliate Profile

Sun Forest Quilts

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My name is Barbara Ceresa. I started my long arm quilting business when I moved to Penn Valley in 2007. I became a member of the Pine Tree Quilt Guild in 2008. I have made many friends in the local quilting community, not only through my business, but with the three very active mini groups to which I belong. I have an APQS machine on a 12 foot table that is computerized. I have thousands of designs. I truly enjoy choosing or helping my customer select the right design that will compliment their quilt.

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