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Pine Tree Quilt Guild
May General Meeting

Tell & Sell

Tuesday, May 7th 6:30pm

Doors open at 6pm

St. Canice Center

Reward St.

Nevada City, CA



**Guild members have a variety of talents and skills.
Join us at our May meeting to meet some
of the creative artists
who will share their skills and products.**

See [page 3](#) for more details

Our Guild Challenge Quilts will also be displayed.





President's May Message



May is our Guild's collective sigh of contentment and relief. The Quilt Show has been completed and is a memorable event for our members, our community and the many quilters who came to see our display.

Our Quilt Show is a spectacular display of our membership's collective skills, techniques, imagination, and artistry.

- Compliments! to the Quilt Show Board members who worked throughout the last few months to make our Quilt Show one to remember.
- Heartfelt Appreciation! to our Guild membership for the many volunteer hours that support every aspect of the show.
- Well done! to everyone who entered a quilt. The display of so many quilt styles is stunning.
- Congratulations! to all who entered their quilt to be judged and to all who won ribbons.

Time to relax and think about what to create for next year's show!

The May General Meeting is our "Tell & Sell" event, plus the presentation of the Guild 2024 "40 Challenge" Winners. There will be several participants in the Tell & Sell. The focus a participant has chosen varies widely-- from quilting techniques, to skill building, to hobbies and pastimes that have turned into small business adventures. Some participants will have items for sale. Please bring cash if you wish to purchase anything. Celebrating the "40 Challenge" winners will be special and inspiring. The winners were selected (by voting) by people who attended the Quilt Show.

The meeting will start at 6:30 pm at St. Canice. The meeting is formatted so that members can meet with friends and make new friends, while we share our skills. It promises to be a whole lot of fun!

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley





Add to Your MAY Calendar

General Meeting	6:30 pm	Tuesday, May 7	St. Canice Center
2024 Quilt Show Wrap-Up	11:30am	Tuesday, May 21	NC Fairgrounds
PTQG Board Meeting	3:00 pm	Thursday, May 9	via Zoom- link on PTQG website
Row by Row	5:30 pm	Friday, May 10	Ben Franklin Craft Room, GV
Newsletter Deadline	Evening of	Sunday, May 12	sierrasue@icloud.com
Community Service	9 am - 1 pm	May 2 & May 16	161 Nevada City Hwy, Nevada City
Home Workshop	9 am - 3 pm	May 23	LDS Church Hollow Wy, Nevada City
Quilting 101	10am - 2 pm	May 23	LDS Church Hollow Wy, Nevada City

Tell & Sell



With the influx of new members to the Guild in the last couple of years, many are looking for new skills sets, techniques, ideas, and mentors. The *"Tell & Sell"* event provides Guild members an opportunity to discover the skills, techniques, services, inspiration, and talents that are in our very midst.



All Guild members may be surprised at the talents, services and/or products displayed. The variety of participants in the *"Tell & Sell"* is vast. Some are quilt related; some are not. Some have products they can sell; others don't. If you do plan on buying items, please bring cash.

Plan to gather with friends and meet new members while traveling between *"Tell & Sell"* participants. The May General Meeting will have a Guild *"Mixers"* event format (meaning no Patchwork Star or Show and Tell portion) to accommodate the 2024 Guild Challenge and *"Tell & Sell"*.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley

Kathy Biggi





Future Meetings:

June 4th: 40th Anniversary Celebration and Mixer
St. Canice Center

July 9th: Picnic Church of Latter Day Saints Pavillion

August No Meeting

September 3rd: Colleen Granger presentation, followed by her Circle Quilt Workhoop on Wednesday. Go to pinetreequiltguild.com/ and click on Upcoming Events for more information on Colleen's workshop.



Quilt Show is in Full Bloom!

Happy Quilters,

Details of the full Quilt Show experience will make an appearance in the June newsletter. Meanwhile, we are sending a huge THANK YOU of appreciation and our admiration to all the quilt makers and volunteers who made our 40th Guild Anniversary celebration show so special!

May is the time of year to begin sowing seeds for the 2025 Quilt Show. As with all beautiful flowers, our quilt show begins with seeds that are cultivated by committees during our "planting" meetings and the show reaches full bloom when the entered quilts are hung the day before the show opens.

Please consider now how you would enjoy contributing to next year's show. "Planting" committees have leaders and members. It takes a quilt village to plant and reap the benefits of our quilt shows!

"Planting" meetings are once a month in September, October, January, February, March, April. Some committees only need to attend one or two, some not at all, and some are present at all the meetings. We think the "planting" meetings are fun, and there is always chocolate !

Contact Vaughn if you have questions about joining a committee.



The Guild Blossoms When Team Work Makes The Dream Work!

Rachel Pena & Vaughn Rodriguez, Co-Chairs



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ruth Bertaccini

At our April meeting two former Guild members decided to come back and be part of our fun and inspiring community of quilters. They are Shelley Von Brincken and Linda Miller. I hope to learn more about them in a future "Getting to Know You" article and hopefully they won't be shy about getting their photo taken at our May Guild meeting. Along with three renewals, we now have 195 members!



From Suzanne DelSarto:

My interest in sewing goes back to childhood, as my mother went to Needles High School in Manhattan. She later taught our Girl Scout troop to sew. We lived briefly in Reno, and I joined the Children's Cabinet Stitchers. I am now starting with the Linus Project, am interested in helping with the Quilt show, and have been helping Robi with the Country Store.



From Becky Kyler:

I have been quilting for over 20 years. Since my retirement from Sierra College two years ago, I have been busy sewing through my stash. I own a long arm, but have not used it as much as I would like. One of my 2024 goals is to learn to use it and finish off all 21 quilt tops currently in my cupboard!

From Rosa Montgomery:

My name is Rosa, and I love the variety of fabric art: from quilting to applique to dyeing fabric. I moved here in 2016 and have worked from home until this year when I officially retired. My parents and one sister live in Auburn, and I love the simplicity along with the quieter way of life that this area provides.



From Glenna Rodgers:

I'm looking forward to taking the Quilting 101 class (I think I'm on the waiting list) and to learn more about basic quilting.



New member Diane Nagle, left. Returning member, Carolyn Croker, right.





PTQG Pillowcase Drive to Support Ryan's Case for Smiles (Sacramento)

Ryan's Case for Smiles, a national non-profit organization, wants to deliver one pillowcase to each child in cancer treatment. PTQG is teaming up with the Ryan's Case for Smiles Sacramento Chapter. Our goal is to create and send 1500 pillowcases to the Sacramento Chapter Coordinator by September 14, 2024. Our completed pillowcases will be packaged and prepared for delivery to the following hospitals:

- Sutter Health Children's Center.
- UC Davis, Sacramento.
- Mercy San Juan Hospital



As of April 16, 2024, we have collected 850 pillowcases!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

These cases have been taken to the Sacramento Chapter, as they requested to receive them every couple of months. This allows the Sacramento Chapter to go through donated pillowcases to ensure they are free of pins, safety pins, etc. It also allows the Chapter to sort through the donation and prepare packages for each hospital.

We are well on our way to achieving (or exceeding our goal). Thank you to the many people and organizations that have contributed fabric for the multitude of pillowcase kits we have created and handed out.



Pillowcase kits will be available at the May meeting! If you have any completed pillowcases, bring them to Community Service, Guild General Meetings, Ben Franklin's or Villa Rosa.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley

Quilting Tips

This month's Newsletter Game involves quilting tips. Throughout the newsletter there will be tips. The first two to email me their favorite tip win the prizes....So far, Marjorie Woodal has been first, can you beat her?

First Tip: Need more space on your ironing board? Turn your board 'backwards' so that the iron sits on the narrow pointed end. Now you have more space to lay out and press blocks.





Community Service

I'm happy to now have a Co-Chair for Community Service. Henrietta (AKA Henri) MacDonald is a retired RN who worked in Case Management at SNMH and is also an experienced quilter. She, along with Sharon and Margie, has organized the many donations we have received. Henri is definitely an asset to CS and our guild.



CS continues to be busy making pillowcase kits for children (under 18) who have cancer in the Sacramento area. Thanks to Kathy Biggi for adding her kits to ours.

CS is needy - not for fabric but for long-arming. Our twin-size shelf is empty of completed quilts. Soon we will be short on lap-size quilts. We can also use children/baby quilts. The first quarter of this year, only 15 quilts were out in the community.

We continue to collect empty spools of thread and selvage for 2 members.

We meet the first and third Thursdays 9-1 at the back of the Historical Society Building next to Sierra Presbyterian Church at the wonky corner of Ridge Rd and Nevada City Hwy. Everyone is invited to join us.



Nancy Holtz

Community Service Chairperson



Photo by Mike Crandal.

James celebrated a milestone birthday, as well, when he turned 90 last month. A US Marine Corp. veteran, he served at the tail end of the Korean War. He has taught theater, lived in Coloma, and taught in Tokyo. A 10-year Grass Valley resident, he has two daughters and five grandchildren, plus a dog named "Frankie." He thanks the Pine Tree Quilt Guild for his gift quilt.





Home Workshop



Fellow quilters! I want to call this group Home Workshop and Community Sew. Why? Everyone can attend for free and we sew in community. True, we often offer a teaching session, but we encourage everyone to come and sew along on individual projects. Like two children participating in parallel play. Last month several worked on zippered bags while another made pillowcases.

There was no Home Workshop in April because, of course, all of us were busy preparing for the show! Too late to finish a quilt.

Upcoming gatherings:

May: Lillian will teach a class on her table wreaths.

June: Come learn binding tricks from Francis O'Brien. We've scheduled this for June so that Quilting 101 members can join in as well. Again, pillowcases are an option. Can we surpass 1500?

July: Quilting with a walking foot. Yes, Virginia, you can do circles. Not interested in quilting with a walking foot? Come make pillowcases.

August: Community Service and pillowcases. There should be more kits.

Fall: Robi Holmen is teaching her very popular class: Tote bag for cutting mat, rulers, and You can come and make pillowcases, too.

So, can I count on you to sign up and attend? How about signing up to teach? How about letting me know what you want to learn? How about becoming the co-chair?

Questions? call me, Theresa Finn, Home Workshop Chairperson



Table wreath from Holiday Celebration at St. Canice Center. Lillian will show us how to make this at May's Home Workshop.



Opportunity Quilt Marketing News

These generous Members volunteered at the Sewing Quilting Festival at Cal Expo!

Marta Price, Lorna Straka, Robi Holmen, Donna Fry, Cheryl Klein, Margaret Vodicka, Susanne Haislet, Jill Meyers-Chesla, Cindy Loper, Sophia Day, Sue Miller, Nancy Holtz and Theresa Finn

Thank you SEW much for your time and friendship.

Though not a huge financial success (\$281) we were able to advertise our Quilt Show. So, based on the feedback from the volunteers that they had a good experience and that this venue does not charge for the table, I am planning to reserve a spot for 2025.

From Holly Miner, Opportunity Quilt Chair & Visiting Opportunity Quilt Scheduler

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<https://pinetreequiltguild.com/grouper/>



ROW-BY-ROW EXCHANGE

"Inch by inch, row by row, we are making our quilts grow!"

The next meeting is Friday, May 10th at 5:30 in Ben Franklin's Crafts classroom. We will continue to do our best to keep the meeting to one hour. This gives you a bit of time to shop before the store closes.

Our April meeting brought showers of laughter and joy. Mariah Bath and Colleen Gillett were the lucky winners of the door prizes. A huge thank you to Peggy Viera who showered us yet again with delicious treats.

The quilts are really taking shape and coming along beautifully! Keep having fun with the process, and please don't hesitate to contact us if you get in a bind, have a question, or just want to share what you have done. We love seeing photos!

Karla Rogers (530) 470-3645

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2024 Pine Tree Quilt Guild Scholarship Award

The Scholarship Committee is excited to announce that there has been an awardee selection for the 2024 Guild Scholarship! At this writing the name of the recipient is being withheld until its reveal at the Nevada Joint Unified High School District Awards Reception on Friday evening, April 26th. The District has requested us to wait until this date so that our chosen student can be surprised!

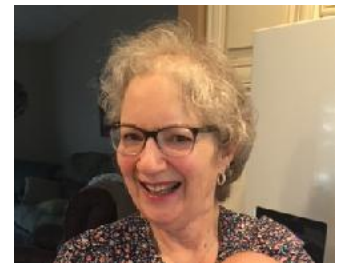
We will reveal the name of our recipient on Saturday morning at the Quilt Show! Please visit the Main Building and view our announcement poster! Meet our awardee in person at the June General Meeting when we make the formal introduction and present the \$2,500 scholarship award - and take pictures!!

This annual education scholarship is given in memory of Guild members Jeanne Gill, Carol Phillips, and Myrna Raglin. Thank you to the fabulous Scholarship Committee members Judy Hamilton, Ruth Bertaccini, Karla Rogers, Susanne Haislet, Helena Heinzelman, and Holly Miner. I am extremely grateful to them for their conscientious effort to support the continuing educational goals of our local students.

And thank you to all of our Guild membership for your many efforts throughout the year that result in our ability to help affirm the future.

Sheri Doerr

PTQG Scholarship Chair



Quilting Tip #2

Sew the label into the two corner seams when sewing on the binding. When hand sewing on only two sides it is more difficult for the label to be removed.



Quilting Tip #3

My favorite quilting tip is the hardest for many to follow. Don't buy a fabric just because you love it today, but buy for a project only! You will save a lot of money and space in your sewing area. Let me know how that one works for you!



Thank You 2024 Affiliates for your Support of the Pine Tree Quilt Guild

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Quilting Tip #4

To make it easier to remove papers from foundation-pieced projects, run the handle end of a pair of scissors along each stitching line to weaken the paper. Use sharp nose tweezers to help remove the paper.



Members attending the April workshop with Thom Atkins. Learning how to embellish with beads....





May Birthdays



- 3 Sharon Kreiss
- 5 Barbara Ceresa
- 6 Sharon Laton-Schmidt
- 7 Julie McEnroe
- 9 Robin Mello
- 16 Arlene Robertson
- 20 Susan Robertson
- 20 Beth Stagner
- 21 Susan Hopkins
- 23 Frances O'Brien
- 24 Robi Holmen
- 31 Sheryl Levy

May Anniversaries



- 7 Barbara & Bill Ceresa
- 14 Vaughn and Robert Rodriguez
- 15 Lois & Mike Farry
- 20 Paula & Mark Michalski
- 20 Jeanne & Jeff Rupp
- 22 Trish & Norm Morris-Plise
- 27 Kim & Bo Almon-Jacobson
- 29 Rebecca & Paul Smith-Lehman

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!
Anne Wilson Chairperson

March Financial Report

As of March 31, 2024

Deposits		Expenses
\$388.50		\$781.00

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