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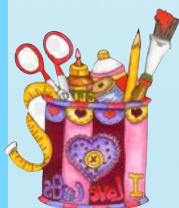
## Rami Kim April Speaker



Tuesday, April 1st,  
Doors open at 5:30PM Meeting starts at 6

Grass Valley Charter School  
225 S. Auburn St Grass Valley

Endocrinologist? Chemist? Cancer research? Our April speaker, Rami Kim, excelled in these subjects before she turned her talents into becoming an internationally known fabric artist, quilter and instructor. A 19-time Best of Show winner, she will join us on April 8th to share her most interesting journey and show some of her original creations!



Save the Dates!

April 26th and 27th —Pine Tree Quilt Guild Quilt Show

August 21st - 23rd —Quilt Guild Retreat

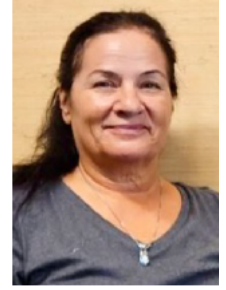
October 4th — Jamboree





## President's April Message

April is many times our first taste of spring, a season of new beginnings. The weather can be warming, and nature is bursting with life. It's the annual reminder that there is something better coming our way. As Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"



For our Guild, our grand party is the annual Quilt Show!!!

Congratulations to you all that finished one or more quilts for the show!! Your quilt is what makes our show great! The show is continuously a marvelous event. I'm sure this year will be spectacular. The variety of quilts is what I find the most inspiring. There are so many types, color choices and individual interpretations on how to make a quilt pattern or a particular style quilt that makes a walk through the Quilt Show a day at a gallery of astounding fiber art festival. Seeing how people use fabric in so many ways and color combinations, is extremely motivating. The Quilt Show starts Saturday, April 26, 2025 and ends Sunday, April 27, 2025.

Thank you to everyone who has worked behind the scenes to set up this astounding event. Your thoughts, ideas and energy set the stage for a beautiful, coordinated event. Thank you to all the people volunteering their time and energy to help during the show. We could not put the Quilt Show on without you.

The Board reviewed the 06:00 pm start time for general meetings experiment. We agreed to make this the permanent start for general meetings. Keep in mind we are changing the general meeting location: May 6 will be at St. Canice Recreation Center for the May Mixer; June -December will be at the Nevada City Elks Lodge (including the July Picnic and excluding August as there is no scheduled meeting).

This year the Guild is sponsoring a local members retreat. It will be held August 21, 22 and 23, 2025 at the Nevada City Elks Lodge. This event will be for members only. The committee is putting together details on what activities will be involved. Keep a look out for more detail in the future. Save the date!!

We are looking for people to help with Guild DIY demonstration of a quilting technique at the September 18-21, 2025, Draft Horse Classic event at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. If you are interested, please chat with me or Annica.

Annica and I hope you have a wonderful Easter

*Jeanne Pincha-Tulley, President*





## Add to Your April Calendar

<b>General Meeting</b>	6:00 PM	Tuesday, April 1st	Grass Valley Charter School
<b>Speaker Workshop</b>	9-3	Wednesday, April 2nd	St. Canice Center
<b>Quilt Show Mtg</b>	1:00pm	Tuesday, April 8th	Eskaton, 49er Room, GV
<b>PTQG Board Meeting</b>	3:00 pm	Thursday, April 10	via Zoom- link on PTQG website
<b>Row by Row</b>	10:30am	Thursday, April 10	Ben Franklin Craft Room, GV
<b>Row by Row</b>	5:30pm	Thursday, April 10	Ben Franklin Craft Room, GV
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	Evening of	Sunday, April 13th	<a href="mailto:sierrasue@icloud.com">sierrasue@icloud.com</a>
<b>Community Service</b>	9 am - 1 pm	April 3rd and 17th	161 Nevada City Hwy, Nevada City
<b>Home Workshop</b>	9 am - 3 pm	Not this month	LDS Church Hollow Wy, Nevada City
<b>Quilting 101</b>	10am - 2 pm	Not this month	LDS Church Hollow Wy, Nevada City

### Speaker Workshop: Rami Kim The Fifth Dimension

St. Canice Center, 236 Reward St., Nevada City

Bring your own lunch or go out. A microwave and tap water are available.

Cost: \$35 for PTQG members \$45 for non-members

Go beyond traditional 3-D. In this technique workshop, you will learn five of the exotic and unusual methods that are the trademark of Rami's work. These include hexagon and biscuit choppy, mirror-imaged continuously folded prairie points, harlequin tucks, North American hand smocking and lined prairie points. This workshop could be the perfect choice for those who wish to learn about adding three-dimensional textures and unique touches to art-to-wear and quilts.



This month's Quilting Tips are taken from quilters who responded to a question on Reddit. Some are repetitious of last month, but are good reminders! I would be interested in knowing if you agree with them or not. There's a discussion on whether to wash fabrics before piecing or not. So if something is listed that you disagree with, please let me know, and I'll try to include it the following month.



# Quilt Show 2025

What a joy it will be to see the beauty of your talents displayed in our show! All skill levels are invited to enter their quilts online and be sure to choose whether you would like your quilt judged <https://pinetreequiltguild.com/enter-your-quilts/>.

Quilt Show plans are moving along nicely. Committee members are creatively working on many details to present another memorable show. Many thanks to all involved in the planning and to those who have already volunteered to help. You are all appreciated!

Our next meeting is April 8th, Eskaton in main building, at 1:00pm. All members are welcome to attend. Please do so!

Quilt Show Co-Chairs are needed for next year. Truly, we will both work alongside the new volunteers every step of the way. Do ask us questions about our roles so you have information to make a decision. Show planning Co-Chairs has been a great experience for us and we would love to share our experience with the next Chairs.



We hope to have Chairs in place before this year's show so we can have you shadow us while we are there. On the job hands on experience is a good way to see how the show all comes together.

Rachel Pena and Vaughn Rodriguez



## Quilting Tip #1

Know how to use your ruler properly. The line on the ruler should be fully on the fabric, not next to it. Those few threads can make a big difference when there are a lot of seams in a block.







## Quilt Show Time Line: To Enter or Not To Enter?

*If you've already entered your quilt in our show, hurray! Entering quilts can be scary, but no matter your skill level, you will inspire someone.*

- *Quilts can be entered until April 1st. You can enter it for display only, but consider having it judged. The constructive, positive judge's comments are so helpful in improving quilting skills. Ok, now that you've entered your quilt, what's next?*
- *Judged quilts are turned in on Wed. April 23.*
- *Judging will be on Thurs. April 24. Everyone is welcome to observe the judging.*
- *Display only quilts are turned in on Fri. April 24.*
- *Meanwhile, there is a lot of other activity going on to get the show ready.*
- *Equipment is loaded on Wed. April 23 for delivery to the fairgrounds on Thurs. April 24. The various committees set up their areas in preparation for the big set-up day on Friday. Friday is when Country Store vendors deliver their goods, Baskets & Silent Auction bring in their baskets/ bid items, vendors arrive, and quilts are all hung. Phew!*
- *Now to enjoy the beautiful show!*
- *Details of drop off times/locations for quilts are on the website and will be communicated via email in April.*
- *Country Store vendors will get info from Lillian.*
- *You have 1 more week to enter quilts.*
- *And please consider volunteering.*
- *As you can tell, it's quite the production, but so worth it!*



## Raffle Basket Donations

The Quilt Show is approaching and it is getting close to time to turn in your completed basket.

If you are an individual or mini-group donating a complete basket, please have the completed basket (inventory sheet, and wrapped with a bow or some sort of decoration) ready by the April 2025 general meeting. You can also contact me (Betsy Smith) or Mariah Bath to make arrangements to deliver the basket to me.

As always, a great big thank to those who are donating. It helps the Raffle Baskets be successful.

If you have questions, please email me at **Betsy Smith** [mesmith2591@gmail.com](mailto:mesmith2591@gmail.com). or **Mariah Bath** [Mariah.bath@gmail.com](mailto:Mariah.bath@gmail.com)



## Silent Auction 2025

*Michaela King and Laura Greenman*

It's time to finish making, rounding up and bringing us your donations for Silent Auction! As always, items like quilts, pillows, baby/kid quilts with books, aprons, hot pads, vintage quilt tops, quilt kits, and new or gently used equipment (sewing machines/quilting accessories) in working condition are usually top sellers. Other items are welcome, of course, anything you think would make a great donation. Mini groups might consider making a quilt to donate. Your generosity is appreciated and all the proceeds help our Guild. You can drop off donations at the general meetings or community service or contact one of us for pick-up or delivery.



## Spread the Word

## Quilt Show Publicity



As I am sure you are all aware, our quilt show is coming up this month! April 26 and 27 will be here before we know it and now is the time to let everyone know about this always fantastic event!

If you are on Facebook or Instagram, please help us out by sharing all the latest information from our website and Facebook page. Word of mouth is one of the strongest methods to encourage attendance, so make it a habit to check these sites often. As we get closer to the show, new information will be added.

In addition to local press releases and online calendars, flyers and bookmarks are sent all over Northern California. Banners are displayed around the area, as well as some paid advertising. You can help by inviting your friends and families to join us for this wonderful show!

Thank you so much for your efforts to make this show a huge success,

The Publicity Team

*Joan Mosley, Suzanne Haislet and Mari Weaver*



## Quilting Tip #2

**"One person wrote... " My new quilting mantra is "the crinkle hides the dinkles." I try to do my best, but am learning to let the little things go. Don't let the drive for perfection kill the enjoyment of quilting. It shouldn't be stressful."**



## Community Service



Nancy Holtz

Henrietta and myself received positive feedback about our presentation at the General Meeting on March 4. Members learned about how Community Service works and where donated quilts are given.

Our recipients are always so grateful to receive quilts and pillowcases. Community Service has begun delivering quilts to our recipients for this year beginning with Wolf Creek Care Home and Meals on Wheels.

Thursday, March 20, was devoted to organizing a large donation. There are several very old, crank style, sewing machines as well as a Treadle machine. These will be evaluated for selling to a collector or selling at Country Store/Silent Auction in 2026.

A lot of the fabric is new and will be saved for next year's baskets or for other Guild uses.

We meet on the first and third Thursday every month from 9-1 at the back of the Nevada County Historical Building at the wonky corner of Nevada City Hwy and Ridge Rd., next to Sierra Presbyterian Church.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ruth Bertaccini

I'm happy to share that we have yet another couple of new members who joined at our March general meeting. They are Rochelle Davisson-Elias and Gina Lovejoy. We now have a total of 192 members, and if you know of any friends or acquaintances who might like to check out one of our meetings, please bring them in April to enjoy our wonderful speaker night!



### Quilting Tip #3

Change your machine needle and rotary blade regularly.  
I keep a small empty spice jar near my machine for used and bent needles and pins.





# Opportunity Quilt Marketing News

*From Holly Miner, Opportunity Quilt Co-Chair & Visiting Opportunity Quilt Scheduler*

## National Quilting Day, March 14, 2025

Susanne Haislet, Lillian Glaeser and I traveled to Lincoln for National Quilting Day sponsored by Sew Katie Jean Fabrics. Along with nine other Guilds, we set up outdoors under a popup tent to sell tickets for our Opportunity Quilt, *Modern Dance*, and to advertise the 2025 Springtime in the Pines Quilt Show. Quilts were hung along both sides of the little plaza in front of the Museum.

Presenting outdoors was a first for me and did present some challenges for us due to the breezy weather. We overcame the wind with help from the other Guilds and, at the end of the day, declared the event to be very enjoyable.

## *Many Hands Make Light Work*

The Opportunity Quilt Marketing Chair has been changed to make marketing the quilt manageable. There are now five positions: two Co-Chairs and three Event Coordinators.

### Marketing Co-Chairs

Cindy Loper has joined me as Co-Chair. I will continue to create and procure the marketing materials and schedule the quilt to be shown at guilds. Cindy will sign up volunteers from PTQG to take the quilt to the scheduled guilds. We will work together to get the quilt to the volunteers or event, collect the money from the volunteers and do the reporting. Also, I will continue to schedule visiting guilds to bring their quilts to our meetings.

### Event Coordinators

We have three public events each year: Nevada County Fair, Draft Horse Classic and Country Christmas where we sell tickets for the opportunity quilt and for the special quilts. The income from these events is critical to make our income goal. An Event Coordinator will be responsible for most aspects of each event. A comprehensive description has been created for each position and is available on the website.

To ensure these events are successful, members are needed now to fill the Event Coordinator positions. Please, will you agree to coordinate one of these critical events?

Contact Holly Miner [hollyminer@aol.com](mailto:hollyminer@aol.com) or President Jeanne Pincha-Tulley



Susanne and Lillian ready and waiting to encourage everyone to come to our Quilt Show





## ROW-BY-ROW EXCHANGE

This year, everyone has taken the challenge of working on a new monthly row with artist flair. The quilt rows are remarkable! Imaginations and designs are running wild and free. It is the magic of what happens when you are inspired to try new designs, techniques and color ways, without having to make a complete quilt.

Thanks to all for having flexibility in implementing the March meetings. Snow was a problem for a couple days, but everyone's patience allowed us to get these meetings accomplished in a safe manner.

The April 10, 2025, meeting will be held at Ben Franklin's classroom at 10:30 am for the morning session and 5:30 pm for the evening session. (weather allowing)

Keep the inspirational work going! These are turning into incredible quilts!

*Karla Rogers    Jeanne Pincha-Tulley*



*Beth Stagner*

*Annica Hagadorn*



- 4     Terry McFeely & Bob Anderson
- 7     Elaine & Tom Hartnett
- 7     Morgan and Evan Street
- 10    Cathy & Rich Stone
- 15    Lynette & Louis Lester
- 18    Suzanne & Don Haislett
- 27    Paulette & Will Snyders





## Looking Forward to seeing your “Opposites Attract” Guild Challenge

We are down to the final stretch to finish and submit the Guild Challenge quilts into the Quilt Show. We will have a special exhibit at the Quilt Show where attendees will vote for their favorite Challenge Quilt and, at our May general meeting, we will hand out the awards.

To enter your quilt, complete the Quilt Show Entry form and check the box: Guild Challenge. As with all quilts submitted for the Show, the quilt needs a sleeve and label and you can choose to enter it to be judged or not.

Any questions, contact

*Kris Cook or Margaret Vodicka*

*Guild Challenge Co-Chairs*



1	Judy Hamilton	2	Sue Miller	8	Paula Mchalski
9	Melisa Parrett	10	Valerie Huddleson	10	Erica Caldeira
14	Jeanne pincha-Tulley	14	Barbara Stein	16	Ina Gibson
16	elaine Hartnett	16	Suzanne Del Santo	21	Debe Wilson
26	Trish Morris-Plise	27	Annica Hagadorn	28	Star Parker
29	Marjorie McConnell	29	Laurie Kempenaar	30	Ingrid Peterson

### Quilting Tip #4

**Make up little practice sandwiches for practice quilting. I use scraps from projects and then turn them into potholders. practicing quilting with stitches from my machine or free motion.**

### Quilting Tip #5

**Clean your bobbin case regularly. Weekly if you're sewing a lot. Sometimes I clean mine more frequently when the stitch starts giving me fits.**



## Haves 'N Wants

Hello, Pine Tree Quilt Guild, I have an HQ Amara for sale. I am only parting with it because we are downsizing and, sadly, I won't have room for it.

Thanks, Alice Rollins 916-837-2830

You can see my ad for it on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/1098702745360885/>

There are many pictures for the long arm as well as many accessories that she has.

It is a Handquilter Amara 20 long arm with Pro Stitcher. You will need to take it down and move it. It has a 10' Studio 2 frame that can be taken down to 5'. See the Facebook page for more information.



## 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 Anne Wilson know so she can send an appropriate card.

Thank you!  
Anne Wilson Chairperson



### Quilting Tip #6

While I don't wash all my fabric before sewing, sometimes I do. If I do I always include a color catcher in the wash. I use Shout Color Catcher.

### Quilting Tip #7

One person recommended a video from YouTube, Just Get It Done Quilts. The videos are informative, but I didn't see anything newer than four years ago. Still, interesting finds at the Dollar Store for making quilting easier. She has others, but I just watched that one.





Find us on 

Has anyone recently finished a quilt? Let's share on our FB Page

[www.facebook.com/PineTreeQuiltGuild/](http://www.facebook.com/PineTreeQuiltGuild/)





## Thank You 2025 Affiliates for your Support of the Pine Tree Quilt Guild

Ben Franklin	598 Sutton Wy • GV	530-273-1348	bfcrafts@pacbell.net
Fat Lady Singing	14392 Lake Wildwood Dr • PV	530-432-1646	eagle1238@comcast.net
The Hand Quilters	20660 Wildwood West Dr. • PV	530-432-0505	TheHandQuilters@gmail.com
Howells Sewing & Vacuum	385 Nevada St • Auburn	530-885-9624	coolmarylynn@att.net
Mariah's Sew Aloha	10385 Alta St • GV	808-345-3112	mariah.bath@gmail.com
Precision Quiltworks	18251 Starduster Dr • NC	530-432-9595	precisionqw@hotmail.com
Star Designs Longarm Quilting	10290 Shekinah Hill Rd • NC	530-277-4327	star.designs@hotmail.com
Susie Hardy Designs	219 Drummond St • NC	530-478-0223	susiehardy@comcast.net
Villa Rosa Designs	12438-A Loma Rica Dr • GV	530-509-5133	fabric@villarosadesigns.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 friends who are keeping the hand quilting tradition alive.**

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

**(Proceeds of our labor are donated to local charities)**

**Contact us at: [TheHandQuilters@gmail.com](mailto:TheHandQuilters@gmail.com)**



PTQG 2024 Budget vs Actuals

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Treasure Table	450	787	337
Interest Income	45	1,674	1,629
Other Income	500	875	375
Membership Fees & Donations	6,000	5,602	(398)
Opportunity Quilts (includes Draft Horse)	4,000	4,146	146
Restricted Jamboree funds	600	755	155
Quilt Show Profit	7,000	14,898	7,898
Speaker Workshops	2,800	2,695	(105)
General Retained Funds	9,040	-	(9,040)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 30,435</b>	<b>\$ 31,432</b>	<b>\$ 997</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Committees:			
Community Programs: Comm. Serv. Quilts	\$ 1,000	\$ 812	\$ (188)
Community Programs: Education	100	-	(100)
Community Programs: Scholarship	2,550	1,750	(800)
Hospitality	50	-	(50)
Home Workshop	50	-	(50)
Jamboree	3,000	1,967	(1,033)
Membership Expenses	\$ 200	304	104
Mini-Groups	50	-	(50)
Opportunity Quilt	800	661	(139)
Patchwork Star	80	-	(80)
Share and Care	70	46	(24)
Shipping Quilts Fees	500	565	65
General Operating Expenses:			
Equipment (Misc. & Software)	\$ 600	548	(52)
Gifts and Contributions	400	100	(300)
Insurance	800	500	(100)
Miscellaneous	350	368	18
Opp Quilt Publicity	400	128	(272)
Rentals (meetings & classes)	1,900	1,779	(121)
Setup for Meetings	100	116	16
Storage: Equipment	3,000	3,000	-
Storage: Community Service	3,000	3,000	-
Website	650	658	8
Newsletter	400	418	18
Programs:			
Annual Holiday Party	100	1,279	1,179
Hall of Honor	35	30	(5)
July Picnic	75	-	(75)
March Mixer / June Jubilee	100	370	270
Row by Row	\$ 50	71	21
Guild Challenge	25	-	(25)
Speakers: Fees, Workshops, & Travel	7,000	4,946	(2,054)
Guild 40th Anniversary Celebrations	3,200	2,193	(1,007)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 30,435</b>	<b>\$ 25,609</b>	<b>\$ (4,826)</b>
<b>NET GAIN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 5,823</b>	<b>\$ 5,823</b>



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5:00 p.m. the Sunday following the  
Thursday PTQG Board Meeting

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