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Pine Tree Quilt Guild

November 4th, 2025

Elks Lodge, Nevada City

Doors open 5:30PM.

Meeting Starts at 6:00PM

Color! Color! Color!

Intensity!

Temperature!

Value!

Our own Christine Barnes will be sharing her knowledge of color with us in November. Being “good with color” is more about practice than talent! Join us to learn how these three color characteristics common to all quilts and garments are key to making great quilts! See how using the color wheel can be a useful tool for getting unstuck or creating a pleasing color combo from scratch!

November Workshop: Color With Christine Barnes

November 5th, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

St. Canice Center

For those signed up for Christine’s color class, follow the supply list guidelines carefully when gathering your fabrics. Please don’t miss the lecture the night before, where she’ll explain the concepts you’ll use in class.





President's Message

It is with great honor and pleasure to announce that the 2026 Executive Board was duly elected at the October General Meeting. Starting in January 2026, Frances O'Brien will become President; Deirdre Campbell & Lillian Glaeser will become Co-Vice-Presidents; Rhonda Horne will become Secretary; Holly Miner will become Treasurer. We will have an amazing Executive Board next year! Congratulations to them all!!

At the November General Meeting we will have our very own Christine Barnes as the speaker. Christine's amazing work is always a treat to see. Plus we have the added bonus of attending Christine's workshop to enhance our quilting skills through learning color manipulation.



At the November Board Meeting, we will be putting the finishing touches on the Guild's By-Laws review and update. Look to the next newsletter for a copy of the By-laws for your review as we will be voting on accepting the By-Laws at the December Holiday Party.

Additionally at the November Board Meeting, the proposed 2026 budget will be reviewed. Once the Board is in favor of the budget items and associated costs, the proposed 2026 budget will be posted in the November newsletter for your review. At the December Holiday Party, we will vote on accepting the proposed 2026 budget.

Hopefully you have many fun projects to keep you busy as fall weather is making its entrance!!

Lastly, if you are interested in helping me create an appliqué group, please let me know at jpinchatulley@gmail.com. This group will begin meeting in January.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley President



Row By Row: Sign-ups began in October and half of our participant capacity is spoken for. Signups will continue at the November General meeting!! There will be two sessions: morning from 10:30-11:30 am and evenings from 5:00 to 06:00 pm. We changed the day of the week (because with Board meeting the same day it got a bit overwhelming). Both sessions will occur on the same day Meetings are held in the Ben Franklin Crafts classroom every 2nd Wednesday from January thru June. We are so excited to start another year!! Hope to see you there!

Jeanne Pincha-Tully



Karla Rogers



Beth Stagner





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Add to Your November Calendars

General Meeting	6:00 PM	Tuesday, Nov 4, 6:00Pm	Elk's Lodge, Nevada City, CA
November Workshop	9AM - 3PM	Wednesday, Nov 5	St. Canice, Nevada City, CA
PTQG Board Meeting	3:00 pm	Thursday, Nov 13th, 3:00PM	Ben Franklin
Newsletter Deadline	Evening of	Sunday, Nov 16thth	sierrasue@icloud.com
Community Service	9 am - 1 pm	Nov 6th , Nov 20th	161 Nevada City Hwy, Nevada City

Quilting Tips will be highlighted in this newsletter. Asked of my quilting friends over the last month.

Quilting Tips: Clean out lint from your bobbin case often. Change your cutting blade often. Use a hand held mini vacuum cleaner such as Dirt Devil Scorpion - plug in type, not battery powered— to clean under your needle plate.....Bob and Lillian

In Memoriam

Our sympathies go to Cathy Stone on the loss of her husband, Rich.



PTQG Challenge for 2026 is "Read Me - Use Me"

If you are participating in the 2026 Guild Challenge but haven't come up with an idea, you could consider a Holiday theme. The magazine page in your packet might contain the color orange, or a word like "thanks" - this could inspire you to make a Thanksgiving quilt. If you haven't had a chance to sign up, pick up your Challenge Material at our next General Meeting. The Challenge Material is a randomly chosen magazine page and a piece of fabric that is identical for all participants.

Any technique(s) can be used.

Fabric: In addition to using some or all of the provided fabric, one may use anything else - all colors, patterned, solid, dark, light, with embellishments, etc.

The quilt must be no larger than 30" per side, and completely finished with a sleeve and label.

Save the magazine page that relates to your quilt since you will submit it along with the quilt.

The Challenge Quilt will be displayed at a special exhibit at our Quilt Show in April. Please keep the quilt a secret and only one entry per person.

Kris Cook and Margaret Vodicka, Guild Challenge Co-Chairs





Nancy Holtz

Community Service has been busy preparing and delivering quilts to Living Well Medical Clinic (baby size), Meals on Wheels, and IHSS.

For various members, we save wooden thread spools and long and shorter pieces of selvage with lettering and color matches on them. If anyone would like us to save something specific from our donations, please let myself or Henriette MacDonald know.

We are piecing together bigger pieces of batting for the smaller baby quilts -baby and lap size. The price of batting has increased and we are try not to waste fabric or batting. Smaller pieces of batting and fabric are cut up and used for dog beds that was donated in December each year. There is NO need to cut up fabric donations, We cut smaller pieces into 2 1/2" and larger squares to use in our quilts.

We have kits available for lap size, twin size, place mats, UFOS, pillow cases and juvenile quilts if you don't want to use your own stash..

As a reminder -- Lap/ juvenile size 38" -42" by 38" by 48" and twin size 60"-64" by 74"-80".

We do NOT need double or larger sizes. Any Christmas quilt is given to Silent Auction to sell at the Quilt Show in April.

We are always in need of long arming, especially for the twin size quilts.

We meet the first and third Thursdays, (no third in December) from 9-1 at the back of the Nevada County Historical Society Building next to Sierra Presbyterian Church at the wonky corner of Ridge Rd and Nevada City Hwy. All are welcome.

Tips from Quilters: If you have a machine with an automatic walking foot, remember to engage it before sewing.Susie

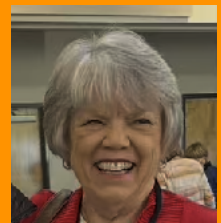
Opportunity Quilt Marketing

Sue Miller

Volunteers Needed Country Christmas Faire

November 28, 29, & 30, 2025

Looking for an event that will help get you into the Christmas spirit! Help out at Country Christmas Faire, our next marketing event for the Opportunity Quilt, November 28th, 29th and 30th. This is a definite sitting position with a great view to enjoy watching families come through with their little ones. Another good time at the Fairgrounds. Free passes for admission and everyone gets free parking. You can volunteer at [Sign-up Genius](#). If you have questions, call or text Sue Miller, 530-263-0805





Quilt Show 2026

SILENT AUCTION

It's never too early to start thinking about what you'd like to make or donate to our Silent Auction for the 2026 Quilt Show. New or gently used equipment in working condition like sewing machines/quilting accessories are usually top sellers. As always, items like quilts, pillows, baby/kid quilts with books, kitchen items, vintage quilt tops, quilt kits, notions, wearables and totes are always welcome. We would like to have a wide variety of items, anything you think would make a great donation and would be a good seller. Mini groups might consider making a quilt to donate. As always, your generosity is greatly 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. Unless you'd like your donation to remain anonymous, please include your name so we can thank you.

Michaele King 530-263-7969

Laura Greenman 530-263-8900

Quilting Tips from Quilters: Use a "strip stick" to open seams in the ironing board. They come in four sizesSandra



HOLIDAY PARTY

Sandra Bruce & Christine Barnes



"The Christmas/Holiday Party is coming up on December 2nd! We have lots of fun in store, and two quilts to be raffled off! Please sign up on the Guild's website, or sign up in person at the November General Meeting where Sandra Bruce will have a sign up sheet. We ask that you please bring: a dish to share, a pair of scissors, and a donation for the Food Bank of Nevada County. We have limited seats so sign up ASAP, don't miss the fun! Questions? Email Sandra at: sandrabruce13@icloud.com.

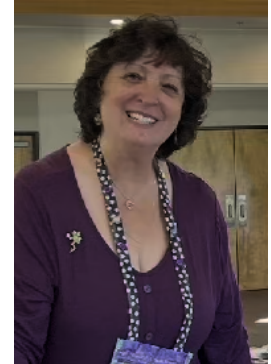




Quilting Tips:

- * Choose fabrics you love rather than buying kits.
- * Be brave and make your own designs.
- * Take your time! Put your pieces on a design wall and look at them at different times, from different directions and in different moods...

Sue....The Bay Area



Home Workshop

Theresa Finn



We have many talented members, please search your brains for something you'd like to teach! If you know someone who does something well, encourage her to share her skills with others. Home Workshop is exactly what it says, home grown! We need teachers for next year, what's something you love to do that you could share with others?

Upcoming classes:

JANUARY 2026: Binding Basics and Beyond with Holly

Theresa will be taking sign-ups at meetings.

Sign-up genius is not suited to our needs.

You can also text her. Feel free to ask Theresa questions at meetings or through texting or email.

Her contact information is in the Roster.

Quilting Tips: Always take your Sewing Machine Manual with you when you go to classes or retreats, etc. It's when you don't take it that you'll need it!
-Cathy Stone via Kris Cook



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ruth Bertaccini



I am very gratified and happily surprised by the number of guests showing up at our last two fall General meetings. Out of 15 guests, we have had a total of 8 new members join our guild! Our newest members are Carla Anderson, Bev Lauer, Sherry Rowe and Morgan Welty-Geisick. Please be sure to give these ladies a warm welcome when you meet them, and hopefully they will be soon be working along side you at our Guild Show next April. The more the merrier I always say. Our total membership is now 215 members strong!



Quilting Tips: Try to have a plan when you buy fabric to avoid an stuffed sewing room!
If you're thinking of retiring and are planning projects, know that retirement seems to move at warp speed....Nancy...Santa Rosa

Quilting Tips: Be patient with yourself.
Always remember to measure twice and cut once! Terri.....Lincoln, CA





Mini-Group

Mini-Groups are a great way to develop friendships and hone one's quilting skills. They are not just small groups that meet in each others houses. Community Service is an example of a small group within the Guild that gets together regularly. They work together to organize donations as well as distribute quilts to those in need. Joining Row x Row is yet another way to become active within a small group. Beginning in January, they meet once a month at Ben Franklin.

Is anyone interested in forming an Appliqué group? Contact Jeanne Pincha-Tulley.
How about an Hand Embroidery group? Contact Sue Marshall for more information.
Their contact information is in the roster.

Ruth Bertaccini



Judy Hamilton



Sue Miller



Beth Stagner



Sew Powerful Purse Project

Joan Mosley

A big THANK YOU to everyone who shared their time and talents to create bags for the Sew Powerful Project. Together, members of the Guild created 50 beautiful purses which will be sent to young girls in Zambia through the Sew Powerful organization. These bags enable the girls to stay in school by giving them a place to carry feminine hygiene supplies, also supplied through the organization.



I would also like to thank Karla Rogers and Cindy Loper for delivering our completed bags to the Sew Powerful Fabric Shop in Yuba City. Karla said that it is a charming shop and the proceeds all go the Project.

If you are interested in learning more about this organization and making purses for the girls, go to their website at sewpowerful.org to download patterns and read about how you can help.

Quilting Tips: This tip is from my Mom for anything one makes. If you look at it and something isn't right, take it out and redo it. It'll be worth the time it takes to make it right. For us quilters, that's what seam rippers are for!.....Sue



Quilting 101

Joan Mosley

For All New Quilters

Quilting 101 is designed to help beginning quilters gain confidence and skill in the basics of quilting. This next class will meet monthly, January through October, 2026 with the exception of April and June. The class is free to all Guild members but you bring your own supplies and equipment. Each month's session will focus on a particular block and the skills needed for its creation. We also visit other areas of quilting, such as fabric and color choice, layout, reading a pattern, and finishing techniques. My goal for each attendee will be to be to complete a small finished quilt of your own design to share at our February 2027 Guild meeting.

A number of you have asked about joining the class for 2026. I will continue accepting sign ups at our November Guild meeting, as well as answer any questions you may have. If you cannot make it to the meeting, drop me an email with your contact information and I will get back to you. Due to our classroom space, the number is limited to 16, so please don't delay signing up if you are interested in joining us. Spaces are filling up quickly.

Our class meets on the Third Wednesday of the month, 9:30 to 2:00, at the Grass Valley United Methodist Church. In late December, I will send out all of the needed information to class members. Our first session will be on Jan. 21, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jmos919@gmail.com or sjmosley4@comcast.net.





Haves 'n Wants



Brother 1034D Serger

3/4 layin system; color coded threading system; 5 stitch options; Adjustable stitch width 3mm to 7mm; up to 1300 stitches a minute.

With 16 spools of thread: 4 white, 4 blue, 4 black and 1 each red, white, blue and green.

Serger Book and carrying case \$100

Contact Sue Miller sierrasue@icloud.com

FOR SALE

Baby Lock Coronet Longarm

Almost new!! \$4,800

Contact Kathy Biggi, info in Roster



Sewing Machine for sale – Juki HZL-X3000

Almost 1 year old. Hard case, extension table and all the accessories that came with the machine.

Features: 180 types of stitch patterns, throat space 8.5", machine wt 21 lbs, dimensions: 17.5" (w) x 8.75" (d) x 11.5" (h).

Asking: \$599.00 Contact: Sue Marshall info in Guild roster, or email sue@marshall.ms.





Affiliates

We have so many generous supporters, please patronize them when you are able!

The Hand Quilters	530-432-0505	TheHandQuilters@gmail.com
Susie Hardy Designs	530-478-0223	susiehardy@comcast.net
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Quilting Tips: For complicated blocks, do a mock up. It makes the construction of the block easier knowing which fabrics are used and where. You will make fewer mistakes....
Marta.....Roseville

Quilting Tips: Find the joy in your work.
Read the directions all the way through at least twice!Sharon....Twin Falls, Idaho



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Quilt Tips: Take advantage of workshops and quilt retreats. You will learn something new every time....even after 20+ years for quilting!.....Deirdre

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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 Tips: Take classes to learn techniques.
Find a mini-group to sew with and learn tricks from each other.
Buy an awl and use when piecing.
Good scissors.
Evette.....Boonville, CA



Our new Board:

Frances O'Brien, President; Rhonda Horne, Secretary; Deirdre Campbell and Lillian Glaeser, Co-Vice Presidents; and Holly Miner, Treasurer.





Inquiring Minds Want to Know.....

Sue Miller

Last month we talked about some basic terms, all had to do with what makes a quilt a “quilt” and not just a blanket or comforter. This month we will be covering making the quilt. Quilts can be large, small, or in -between. There are traditional quilts and art quilts. Art quilts can be pictures or abstract, and they are usually more sculptural and decorative than functional.

Traditional patchwork quilts are usually made of pieced fabric, sometimes with appliquéd fabric shapes applied to the background. A whole cloth quilt will feature extensive stitching on a single fabric piece. There are also ‘crazy quilts’ which are made from irregular fabric pieces. As mentioned above, quilts of any kind come in varying sizes. Many quilters now make memory quilts incorporating sentimental items or photos printed on fabric. .

Traditional quilts are made from blocks. A block can be a square or rectangle, or pieces of fabric sewn together to make a square or rectangle. Circles can also be used as well as curved pieces of fabric.

There are many websites that can be used as a resource for blocks. Quilters’ Cache is one of them. Another is All People Quilt which offers patterns for 6” and 9” blocks. This site is sponsored by American Patchwork and Quilting.

Important hints to remember when piecing your blocks together. Cutting measurements exactly is key to having your blocks and quilt lay flat. Having the correctly sized piece of fabric is critical to having a quilt with the measurements the pattern indicates. An eighth of inch off with each block and you can have inches off your finished product.

Another critical factor is your 1/4” seam allowance. It is well worth your time to carefully cut your fabric and then sew your seams with that 1/4” seam in a straight line....so easy to veer off a little when we get distracted! Then out comes the seam ripper!

Accuracy and precision are important in constructing your blocks and ultimately your quilt. In addition to maintaining your 1/4” seam allowance, a walking foot is helpful in feeding the layers of fabric evenly without puckering or shifting. It is also helpful to press your fabric before cutting. Saves you from having uneven cuts and shrinkage during the sewing process.

When you press seams use a lift and press motion. This technique helps to set the seam flat and avoid distorting the fabric, unlike ironing which can stretch it.

Making a test block allows you to check accuracy of your piecing and make adjustments before committing to your entire quilt.

Sharp tools are important. Replace your sewing machine needle regularly. some say with every needle project, others every 8-10 hours of sewing. Use a sharp rotary blade for precise cuts. I’ve sometimes waited too long and ended up with more shredding than cutting. :-(

But most importantly, TAKE YOUR TIME! Rushing any artistic endeavor and one is almost sure in the knowledge that something will need to be attacked with a seam ripper. Rushing the process can lead to mistakes and decreased accuracy, so slow down to ensure precision and mistake free sewing....

Next month we will check out blocks to make!



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