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# It's Party Time!

Pine Tree Quilt Guild Holiday Party

December 2nd, 2025 Doors open 5:30PM. Elks Lodge, Nevada City Meeting Starts at 6:00PM

The Holiday Party team is looking forward to a evening of Food, Raffles, Games and Friendship with everyone who signed up!

We are full with a short waiting list

Please remember to bring:

- your potluck dish
- a pair of scissor
- a Food Bank donation
- and, last but not least, wear GREEN!



For more information contact Sandra Bruce or Sue Colbert. Their information is in the roster.

Please read Important dated information on page 2 and the Proposed Budget which is on page 15.

## Bylaws Review......

A review committee has completed our periodic review of the Bylaws. The proposed changes will be brought to the Membership at the December general meeting for approval. Many of the changes were clerical and formatting changes. To align with Bylaws of other member organizations, sections were added on terminating for cause and re-instating Board members and members and we expanded some of the duties of the Executive Board and the Finance, Budget/Audit Chair position. The paragraphs on the duties of the Executive Board were bulleted for easier reading. Details of Committees were removed since the details of each Committee is documented in the Policies, with just the listing remaining.

If anyone would like to see the proposed Bylaw document prior to the meeting, please contact Sophia. As a reminder, the current approved Bylaws are in the Member's Only Section of the website. A copy will also be in the 2026 printed roster.

Sophia Day

Computer Records

## President's Message

It has been a tremendous honor and pleasure to serve as your President over the past two years. During this time, we have made significant progress together as a Guild. The membership surveys provided invaluable insights, helping us understand and prioritize the directions our members wish the Guild to pursue. Based on your feedback, we experimented with a new location for our meetings and adjusted the meeting format to make them more streamlined and responsive to the needs and concerns of our members.



We have also welcomed many new members who have enthusiastically joined various committees, with several stepping up to take on the leadership role of Committee Chair. Highlights from the past two years include the remarkable pillowcase drive in the first year and the outstanding retreat in the second year. These achievements are a testament to our collective efforts and dedication. I am deeply grateful for your enthusiasm, support, and active participation.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Annica Hagadorn, Beth Stagner, and Kathy Mollet, who served as an extraordinary Executive Board throughout my tenure. Their unwavering support, creativity, and commitment to advancing the Guild's mission and enriching our members' experiences have been invaluable.

Looking ahead at our December General Meeting and Holiday Party, we will be voting on two important matters: the revision of the Guild Bylaws and the approval of the 2026 Operating Budget. You will receive advance copies of both documents to review before the meeting.

As my term as President comes to a close, I am excited to remain an active presence within the Guild. I will be initiating an Appliqué group and will be chairing the Row-by-Row activities, collaborating with Karla and Beth.

It has truly been a pleasure.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley President



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Add to Your December Calendars			
General Meeting	6:00 PM	Tuesday, Dec 2nd, 6:00Pm	Elks Lodge, Nevada City, CA
PTQG Board Meeting	3:00 pm	Thursday, Dec 11th, 3:00PM	Ben Franklin
Newsletter Deadline	Evening of	Sunday, Dec 14th	sierrasue@icloud.com
Community Service	9 AM to 1 PM	Thursday, Dec 4th	Nevada County Historical Society

#### Row By Row:

Sign-ups for the Row-by-Row activities began in October, and already the evening session is full. The morning session has a couple more spaces available. Registration will continue at the December general meeting, so there is still an opportunity to join!

There will be two Row-by-Row sessions offered: a morning session from 10:30 to 11:30 AM and an evening session from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The day of the week for these sessions has been changed to alleviate scheduling conflicts, as having Board meetings on the same day proved to be a bit overwhelming. Now, both sessions will take place on the same day.

All meetings are held in the Ben Franklin Crafts classroom on the second Wednesday of each month, from January through June. We are eager and enthusiastic to begin another year of Row-by-Row activities and look forward to seeing you there!

Jeanne Pincha-Tully



Karla Rogers



Beth Stagner





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

If you are participating in the 2026 Guild Challenge you might have it serve a double purpose by making it for a gift to a special someone and for the challenge. The magazine page in your packet might contain a food item. You could make a wall hanging for a friend's kitchen. It is not too late to sign up; just 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

Some members were asked to name their favorite block. Pictures of favorites are sprinkled throughout the newsletter with the first names of those who suggested them.....

Velda, Margaret, and Sally don't do blocks! Velda gave up on math long ago, and Sally does appliqué......

Margaret does art quilts and Marjorie said anything non-tra

.... Four Patch.... Jave Nancy

Margaret does art quilts.... and Marjorie said anything non-traditional. Robi likes anything paper-pieced, while Margaret does improv!

#### Treasure Table

We are asking for your support in the form of fabric donations and other relevant notions for our Treasure Table. We are seeking fabric remnants, no smaller than a fat quarter so that we can sell them at our monthly meetings. Our goal is to raise money for the guild as well as offer quality remnants to our members.



Thank you for your support. Susan Hollenback and Margaret Aarons



## Nancy Holtz

Community Service is working hard to complete the dog beds for pick up Dec 4 by Margaret from Keller Williams Real Estate. She distributes them to local shelters. IF anyone has upholstery or other heavy duty fabric they would like to donate for this project, Community Service would love to have it. We have 30 pet beds completed.

This year we celebrated two 90 yr old birthdays- Ina Gibson and Margie Lucas. They both are very knowledgeable and are generous sharing their knowledge of quilting.

To remind members: we have a roll of black batting that is available to anyone needing to use black instead of white in a quilt. Their quilt does not need to be for the guild.

We are always in need for long arming the twin size quilts. Baby and lap quilts can be quilted on a domestic machine.

There are kits available for tops if you don't want to use your own fabric but want to contribute to Community Service.

We will only meet once in December, on the 4th. There will be NO third Thursday meeting. Beginning in January 2026, we will resume meeting on 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 Rd and Nevada City Hwy. All are welcome.

Log Cabin was a favorite of Barbara, Tiffany, Julie, Kelly and Heidi, while Joan says a Wonky Log Cabin is hers.





#### 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

### Quilt Show 2026

Volunteers

Please start thinking about volunteering for the Quilt Show! We have 230 shifts needing your support. Not only do you help your Guild, you also get free admission to the show and are entered into a drawing for a free Speaker workshop.

We will be taking sign-ups at our January meeting or you may sign up online using SignUpGenius in early January. Thank-you.



Margaret Vodícka and Judy Hamilton Volunteer Coordinators





#### Home Workshop

#### Theresa Finn



Gentlewomen and Gentlemen, I want to begin by giving a very boisterous shout out to the people who volunteered this year as teachers for HWS. Shannon Waldow, Ruth Bertaccini, Margret Vodicka, Mariah Bath, Erica Caldeira, and Frances O'Brien. Each class brought new skills and introduced people to new techniques. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Marjorie Woodall has become a member of the HWS team. Thank you!

2026 will open with Holly teaching binding and finishing techniques. February is the art quilt with Sophia, March will be a sewing machine pad plus with Beth, and April will be a zippered mesh bag with Henri. Coming up we'll have a second EPP class with Erica, quilted bog coat, and a surprise class with Mariah. We'll also host a gathering for making quilt tops for Community Service.

I know rumors swirled about the 2026 location for HWS. Great news, we'll still be meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Sierra Presbyterian Church.

As I slept through our last meeting, I'll need to take sign-ups via text or phone call. My furry alarm clock didn't get the message about the time change ... 3:30 makes for a sleepy person.

Speaking of which, I am going to be sending either a reminder or the actual supply lists via text, so when you sign up, I need a very clearly written telephone number for all. If you're a new member, please also give me your clearly printed email.

So, what would you like to see presented at HWS? What project or skill do you want to share?

Theresa will be taking sign-ups at meetings.
SignUpGenius 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.

Judy, Sheri, Lillian and Michaele like the 9-Patch.





# Opportunity Quilt Marketing News

From Holly Miner, Opportunity Quilt Chair & Visiting Opportunity Scheduler

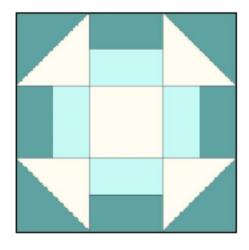
Thank you to
Laura Windrus, Lynda Lasich, Sophia Day,
Lanie Napper and Sue Colbert
for taking "Royal Kaleidoscope" to the
Foothill, Folsom and Golden Valley Guilds

## Opportunity Quilt Marketing Chair Needed

Does the OQ Marketing & Scheduling Chair appeal to you but seems too big a job? It is ideal for more than one person. Ask one or more members and form a team! Holly will mentor you until the winner of the current Opportunity Quilt is selected at our 2026 Quilt Show.

Contact Jeanne Pincha-Tulley today.

Two members gave other blocks. Judy chose Churn Dash, left, and Teal opted for Bear Paw, right.



If you are interested in making any of these quilt blocks, Google their names and you'll find many tutorials.



#### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

#### Ruth Bertaccini



It was great to see eight guests joining us at our November meeting. (I think Christine Barnes' program had something to do with that.) No new members to report this month, but I'm sure 2026 will see more wanting to join in on the wonderful learning experiences AND the fun!

It's officially our Membership Renewal Drive with 2026 dues and new membership forms are due by *January 15* in order to be in the printed roster.

There are a few kinks to iron out, but doing this process online with your credit card is a cinch. Be looking for updates on this new process as things are smoothed out. Additionally, you can still complete your renewal by filling out the newest version of our membership form, pay \$30 with cash or check and either drop it off at Community Service or Ben Franklin, mail it to our PO Box or give it to me when you sign in at our general meetings in December or January.

The form can be found on the last page of this newsletter or by going to: https://pinetreequiltguild.com/docs/Membership-Form.pdf

Did you know that if you have a business you'd like to promote to the Guild you can become an affiliate member for \$45 a year (1 1/2 individual membership dues)? I'll be sending out renewal information to our current affiliates, bu tthe affiliate membership form along with the newest membership forms can be accessed at our website under MEMBERSHIP/JOIN US.

I'm available to answer any questions you may have about this process--just email me at ruthdb@sbcglobal.net.

## Coming Soon......February Guild Program. Tuesday, February 2nd, 2026

## Kitty Oliver

Have you wondered what criteria a professional quilt judge uses when evaluating a quilt? Kitty will present how she went from quilt maker to quilt judge, and what makes for an award-winning quilt.

Mark your calendars for February 2nd!





## **Mini-Group**

At the Get Acquainted meeting we passed out a questionnaire in an attempt to find new members who would have similar interests and availability. That wasn't a successful survey as the few responses were all over the place. One wanted mornings, one nights. One lives in south county and another in Wildwood. So we will make another attempt to help you form groups in early 2026.

Check the newsletter for more information in January.



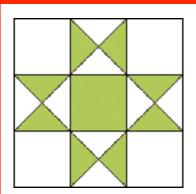
Ruth Bertaccini Judy Hamilton Sue Miller





Beth Stagner





Star blocks are also popular. Star blocks are the favorite of Barbara, Sharon, Karen, Ruthie...Laura and Karle like Wonky stars. Again, Star blocks go by a variety of names: Friendship Star, Ohio Star, Sawtooth Star, among others.



















## **Inquiring Minds**

When I said last month that I would write about blocks this month, I never thought that it would be such a challenge! There are thousands of blocks and techniques for constructing them. can also vary! Names vary as well, Churn Dash can be Monkey Wrench; Drunkard's Path has many names—Peace Dove, Cleopatra's Puzzle or Drunkard's Pinwheel, to name a few. During a few of the more recent quilting get togethers I asked fellow members what their favorite quilt blocks were. The answers varied and are found throughout this newsletter.

Some of the first quilts were made with scraps and 'crazy quilts'. This design is thought to be the oldest quilt pattern, according to research. It is believed that textiles resembling this crazy quilt design were found in early Egyptian tombs, and also in European courts, predating the 17th century. In fact, there is evidence that the first-ever quilt is shown sitting on the shoulders of an ivory statue of an Egyptian pharaoh which is housed in the British Museum. The pharaoh is wearing what we would, today, call a modern quilt. (Information from AlanTeatherQuilting,com)

Blocks range from the most simple, a square or rectangle of a measurement of your choice, to the more complicated. When I Googled "most complicated quilting block", LeMoyne Star was listed along with other star patterns of varying designs.

Blocks are pieced together using a 1/4" seam. Correct, consistent measurements are most important, as a little too much or too little multiplied over all your blocks could make a difference of inches in the length of your rows or overall quilt measurement. Trying to maintain that consistency in measurement while cutting and sewing is critical to the way your quilt will ultimately hang or lay as it should.

I did some research and found a website where the writer addressed the ten most common quilt blocks she found in her search. Her list included Log Cabin, Four Patch, Chimneys and Cornerstones, Churn Dash, Disappearing Nine Patch, Flying Geese, Lone Star, Nine Patch, Pine Tree and Pinwheel. Her website is *Ten Most Common Blocks*, by Madam Sew if you want to read more of the details she found.

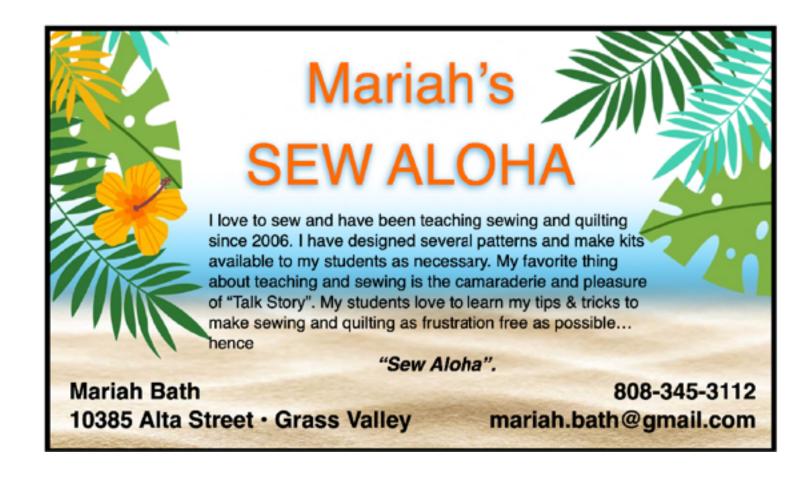
The history of quilting and its development is fascinating and spans variations over the years. Japan had its form of quilting created from need to conserve scarce fabrics dating back to the 1500s. As stated above, the Pharaohs had quilts displayed on the walls of their tombs. Today we have a a wonderful opportunity to create our quilts with resources unknown to those early artists.



## **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
Mariah's Sew Aloha	808-345-3112	mariah.bath@gmail.com
Ben Franklin	530-273-1348	fabric@benfranklin-crafts.com
Fat Lady Singing	530-432-1646	eagle1238@comcast.net
Precision Quiltworks	530-470-3645	precisionqw@hotmail.com
Three Aunts Quilt Shop	530-798-8506	3AuntsQuiltShop@gmail.com



## PRECISION QUILTWORKS



John and Karla Rogers 18251 Starduster Dr. • Nevada City, CA 95959

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Since 2008 Quiltworks has served our quilting community by providing long-arm and basting services using our Gammil Optimum machine. We are a husband and wife team and treasure our relationship with each client. We consider it an honor to collaborate to create a beautiful quilt!

King size are not a problem. We offer numerous computerized programs using our Statler Stitcher program. Generally, with two of us working, we have a quick turnaround time of less than two weeks.







## Find us on Facebook

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- 3 Robin & John Mello
- 7 Lanie & Mikę Nepper
- 12 Janet & Tim Palmer
- 17 Maura & John Devlin
- 22 Sharon & Mike Laton-Schmidt
- 23 Marjorie & Rod McConnell
- 26 Pat & Brian Gillings
- 27 Donna & Brian Fry
- 27 Robin & Les Petersen
- 31 Tiffany & Brian Day

# Happy Birthday

- 1 Holly Champagne
- 1 Kelly Jensen
- 4 Anne Wilson
- 4 Florence Mintzlaff
- 4 Betsy Smith
- 6 Anita Dall
- 8 Lorna Tiller
- 8 Denise King
- 9 Desiree Davila
- 14 Lettie Lewis
- 15 Janet Palmer
- 16 Julia Sugg
- 16 Diane Klose
- 17 Maryann Klingman
- 20 Valerie Hixson
- 20 Deborah Demuynck
- 21 Velda Newman
- 22 Joy Waggener
- 23 Michelle Brown
- 24 Rita Behr
- 25 Dallas Cruickshank
- 28 Susan Hollenback
- 29 Marjorie Woodall
- 29 Rachel McMahon
- 30 Denise Buckbee
- 31 Heidi Powell

## 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.

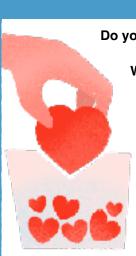
Thank you!

Anne Wilson

Chairperson

(see roster for Anne's phone & email)





#### **Budget Proposal for 2026**

#### INCOME

4101 Treasure Table

4104 Other Income

4200 Interest Income

4301 Affiliates

4302 Donations

4303 Membership Dues Received

4401 Opp. Quilt Income

4700 Speaker Workshops

4900 Fees for Guild Retreat

Quilt Show Profit \$9K-\$13.5K

TOTAL INCOME

#### 2025 Budget

Proposed 2026 Budget

\$ 700	\$ 650
\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,400	\$ 2,200
\$ 290	\$ 300
\$ 1,212	\$ 1,300
\$ 4,498	\$ 5,550
\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
\$ 2,100	\$ 2,500
\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
\$ 22.200	\$ 24.500

This is the proposed budget for 2026.

Please read and be prepared to vote on it at the December Holiday Party.

#### **EXPENSES**

#### Committees:

6400 Restricted Junior Quilters

7101 Scholarship

7102 Education Outreach

7104 Hospitality

7105 Mini Groups

7106 Community Service

7107 Home Workshop

7108 Jamboree

7109 Membership Expenses

7110 Opportunity Quilt

7112 Share and Care

7113 Comm Svc-Shipping Fees

#### General Operating Expenses:

7301 Equipment & Software

7303 Insurance

7304 Miscellaneous

7305 Opp. Quilt Publicity

7306 Rental Meetings & Classes

7307 Setup Meeting

7308 Rental Equipment Storage

7309 Rental Space Comm. Service

7310 Website & Email

#### 7311 Jamboree or Guild Retreat

7312 Newsletter & Bulletins

7313 Accounting Software

7314 Guild Credit Card Fees

7503 Holiday Party

7504 Hall of Honor

7505 July Picnic

7506 Mixer

7508.1 Speaker Fee

7508.2 Speaker Workshop

7508.3 Spk. Meal & Travel Reimb.

XXXX Programs, Non-Speaker

7512 Row by Row

XXXX Guild Challenge

TOTAL EXPENSES

Guild Net Profit or (Use of Funds)

One-Time Equip. for Show from Reserve

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300

\$ 650	\$ 600
\$ 600	\$ 985
\$ 1,190	\$ 750
\$ 400	\$ 300
\$ 1,720	\$ 2,915
\$ 150	\$ 100
\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
\$ 800	\$ 1,000
\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
\$ 300	\$ 350
\$ -	\$ 750
\$ -	\$ 100
\$ 1,000	\$ 500
\$ 120	\$ 50
\$ 75	\$ 75
\$ 1,000	\$ 500
\$ 2,674	\$ 2,674
\$ 3,362	\$ 3,362
\$ 964	\$ 964
\$ 1,000	\$ 300
\$ 250	\$ 150
\$ 25	\$ 60
\$ 36,230	\$ 31,585

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\$ 72,061

\$ 60,529

(13,500)





## **Important Notice Regarding Membership Renewal**

Per Ruth's article, the following page has our revised Membership Form for those who want to pay by check. The layout is similar to the online Membership Form that allows payment via credit card. Should you want to pay via credit card, BE AWARE it is not yet perfected. If you encounter a server timeout error, please DO NOT try again!

I am sorry for the inconvenience for now. Look for a eBlast letting you know all is fixed.

"...no pain, no gain"

Holly Miner, Webmaster

## **PTQG Membership Form**

The Guild requires EVERYONE to complete a yearly membership form.	Dues must be paid by January 15 in order for your name to be included in the next Roster.		
Check ONLY One (Required)  ☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member	<ul> <li>◆ Mail this form with your check to:         <ul> <li>Attn: Membership PTQG</li> <li>P.O. Box 3133, Grass Valley, CA 95945</li> </ul> </li> <li>If you want to pay by credit card, use our online form at pinetreequiltguild.com/membership/</li> </ul>		
☐ Lifetime Member ☐ Returning Member (after absence)			
PLEASE FILL OUT THE	FORM COMPLETELY		
First & Last Name: (Required)	Telephone (Preferred for Roster) (Required)		
Address: (Required)	City, State, Zip (Required)		
Birthday: (Required) Month/Day Only	Email (Required)		
Spouse/Partner: (Optional)	Wedding Anniversary (Optional) Month/Day Only		
Annual Dues  Dues are \$30.00. New Members who join Feb-Dec pay a prorated amount based on the month they join. Lifetime Members are not required to pay but must complete the form each year  Opportunity Quilt  Members are requested to \$10.00 worth of tickets. You be picked up from our memour Guild meetings.	our ticket stubs can be used: i.e. General funds, Community		
Total Add Dues, Opportunity Tickets and Donation. This is the amount you will be paying via check.			
Would you like to be in a Mini Group?			
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Already a member of	f:		
Consent and Release Form: (Required)  Today's Date			
Yes, I consent to the following: Per the terms of our insurance, members of the Guild are not covered in the event of any injury. Therefore, members shall assume all risk of loss, damage, liability, injury cost or expense that may arise or be caused in any way, at any facility where Guild functions are held			

Chk # or cash

Date Paid

Recorded

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#### **PTQG Information**

The Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County

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Newsletter Deadline: 5:00 p.m.\_the Sunday following the Thursday PTQG Board Meeting

See our web page for membership forms and information:.www.pinetreequiltguild.com