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Pine Tree Quilt Guild

February 3, 2026

Speaker: Kitty Oliver

What Judges Look For?

Time: Doors open: 5:30PM

Meeting: 6:00PM

Grass Valley Charter School.

225 S Auburn St

Grass Valley

With opening for quilt submissions for our April Quilt Show beginning this month, what better time to learn what judges look at when evaluating a quilt.

Join us for our February meeting to hear noted quilter and judge, Kitty Oliver, share the expertise she's garnered after over 35 years of award winning quilting, and ten of those as a judge..



Speaker Workshop, Feb 4th,

Fun Techniques Using Terial Magic with Terry McFeeley

Learn thread painting, creating 3D effects, no pucker quilt backing and fun edge trims all on a Terial Magic quilt panel provided in class. There are only a few slots left. Sign up online on Sign-up Genius through the Guild website under Programs.

Call Anne Padget if questions: 530-913-0339



Add To Your February Calendar

General Meeting	6:00 PM	February 3rd	GV Charter School
		Doors open at 5:30PM	
Speaker Workshop	9AM-3AM	February 4th	St. Canice Center
PTQG Board Mtg	3 PM	February 12th	Ben Franklin Craft Room
Newsletter Deadline	6 PM	February 15th	sierrasue@icloud.com
Community Service	9 AM - 1 PM	Feb 5th & 19th	161 Nevada City Hwy, NC
Quilt Show Mtg	1PM - 3PM	Feb 17th	Eskaton 49er Room
Home Workshop	9AM - 3PM	February 26th	Sierra Presbyterian Church
Quilting 101	9:30 AM -2PM	February 26th	Methodist Church, GV



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ruth Bertaccini

We're off to another great start in 2026 welcoming 5 new members to our guild! They are Cathy Lynch, Charlene McNamara and Lisa Sines who joined the end of December, and Eva Lutz and Cheryl Mirth joined and rejoined respectively in January.

The new 2026 hardcopy roster will be ready for you to pick up at the membership sign-in table at our February meeting. We've printed one for each current member and ask that you sign out for your copy. You may also pick up a friend's copy. Please put your name on your copy as it's "one to a customer".



Anne Padget showing a sample for our February Speaker Workshop

PINE TREE QUILT GUILD Profit and Loss and Cash on Hand January - December, 2025 - 100% of the Year Complete

	Actual Total	Revised ANNUAL Budget Total	% of Budget
Total Income	\$ 20,921.81	\$ 13,200.00	158%
Total Expenses	\$ 34,126.72	\$ 36,230.00	94%
Net Profit	-\$13,204.91	-\$23,030.00	57%
Show Income	\$ 30,275.63		
Show Expense	\$ 22,142.27		
Net Profit	\$ 8,133.36	\$ 9,000.00	90%
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$ 5,071.55	-\$14,030.00	36%
Cash on Hand	\$ 81,678.40		



February 2026 President's Message



Hello my quilting lovelies and Happy February!

Our nights are still long and cold, but from what I've seen, as a group we are busy busy busy!

Round Robin, Row by Row, and Quilting 101 are all up and running. The retreat and Jamboree are coming along nicely, Quilt Show sign ups are filling quickly and Home Workshop classes are buzzing with activities!

For our February meeting, Kitty Oliver will speak about quilt judging. Even if you don't have your pieces judged, you'll learn what makes for a prize worthy quilt. I know I always manage to learn something new.

That's it! Sign up for those home workshop and quilt show slots while there is still time. I will see you all February 3 at the Grass Valley Charter School, and don't forget to carpool if you can.

Frances O'Brien
President

Row by Row

Round 2 begins on February 11. Our first reveal is exciting! The two Row-by-Row sessions are from 10:30 to 11:30 AM for the morning session and from 5:30PM to 6:30PM for the evening session. All meetings are held in the Ben Franklin Crafts classroom.

The first-round rows are amazing!! A great start to what we are sure are truly creative quilts.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley,



Karla Rogers,



Beth Stagner





Quilt Show 2026

What a wonderful response at the January meeting! We were so happy with the enthusiasm and energy you all showed toward the information shared that evening. Volunteer sign-ups were outstanding, and as stated in the Quilt Show Volunteer article below, we still need 41 more to sign up for a shift. You can go to [Sign up Genius](#) to choose your shift. You can connect to [Signup Genius](#) through our website.

Quilt entries opened on February 1st. Remember that we delete the database every year, so you need to create a new account for the first quilt you enter this year. There are detailed instructions on how to enter your quilt. One VERY IMPORTANT step is to hit the SUBMIT button! Then you can go back and print.

We are still in dire need of someone to head up Set-Up and Take Down. It is not a job that is done alone, but someone needs to spearhead the process. There are multiple members who are there to help and you don't have to do the hard labor by yourself, just give directions and keep volunteers organized.

As you know we will be using new frames this year. Breakage and limitations with the old frames caused us to finally investigate and purchase new ones. The look is very professional, and the space is used more efficiently.

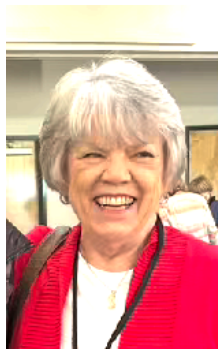
Sophia Day



Desiree Davila



Sue Miller



Holly Miner



Beth Stagner





Quilt Show Volunteers

Thank you to all of you that volunteered for the Quilt Show at our last Guild meeting. We filled 188 positions and only need to fill 41 more. You can sign up using SignUpGenius for the remaining positions by going to our website and clicking on the "Quilt Show" tab.

Once you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email. If you signed up at January's Guild meeting, you should already have received that email. If not, please contact Margaret Vodicka at margaret_vodicka@hotmail.com



Once again the Volunteer Coordinator team thanks you for the generosity of your time. We are happy to answer any questions or help you with signing up.

Judy Hamilton and Margaret Vodicka, Co-Chairs



Silent Auction 2026

Michaele King and Laura Greenman

It's time to start thinking about what you'd like to make or donate for our Silent Auction at the 2026 Quilt Show. 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.





Country Store

Lillian Glaeser



All members of the Guild can sign up to be vendors. It's a two day sale of your items within the. Quilt Show. While there is a 15% of your sales returned to the Guild, there is no fee to include your items. You will get a packet with all the information and rules. You can sell anything you want that has to do with quilting, sewing, crafting. We have sold everything from sewing machines to pins. You must make sure your items are marked securely, stapled to the bag. Books don't sell very well because we usually have a free table with books. If you sell books put the tag on the inside of the cover with scotch tape.

I will be happy to answer any questions you have and to help in any way. You have over 3 months to get ready. Its great fun!

You can contact me at lglaeser0566@sbcglobal.net or 530-446-6252

Raffle Baskets

Mariah Bath and Ruth Bertaccini

Want to donate a basket for the raffle at the Quilt Show but not sure what works? Baskets do well when there is a theme. Wine in a wine basket, chocolate in a chocolate or goody basket, stuffed animal in a kid basket, etc. Baskets that have lots of items related to a theme, such as fabric, notions, original patterns and other items do well.

Here is a list of suggestions for themes that have worked well in the past.

Food	Christmas	Colors	Asian fabrics
Animals	Nature	Seasons	Kids
Art quilter's basket		Patriotic Red, White, Blue	

Individual items that you are donating to fill baskets can be dropped off at the Membership table with Ruth Bertaccini at guild meetings thru March or you can bring them to Community Service where Nancy will have a box to receive them.



Mini Groups should be turning in their raffle basket promise sheets to us no later than the end of March. We thank you ladies so much for helping make our raffle baskets THE BEST of all our surrounding Guild shows!

'Promise Form' is on next page (7)



MINI GROUP BASKET PROMISE SHEET

Name of Mini Group: _____

Mini Group contact person: _____

Contact phone# _____ Email: _____

Basket Theme: _____

List of some of the items that will be included:

Return to Ruth Bertaccini or Mariah Bath, Raffle Basket Chairs



Cut here



Home Workshop

Theresa Finn



February will be a sewing mat for the sewing machine. It hangs below the table with pockets for supplies. Beth is teaching this class. We will be meeting at Sierra Presbyterian Church in Nevada City. A supply list will come to you before February 26.

March is an art quilt with Sophia; April is quilt show; May is EPP with Erica; June is a zippered bag with Henri; July/August are sweatshirt conversions; September is fabric postcards with Annica; October is sewing for Community Service. January 2027 will be a class for making name tags with Sophia. REMEMBER: these classes are free to all members. Also, please contact me to register. SignUp Genius doesn't work for this class. My contact info is in the roster.





Community Service

Nancy Holtz

Community Service is starting the new year sewing pieces of batting together for smaller quilts. Batting is expensive and we waste very little.

We'll need members to quilt Twin size. Smaller quilts can be quilted on either a long arm machine or a domestic machine.

There is always fabric organizing, kit making, cutting scraps into squares, and good conversation available.

We meet the first and third Thursdays every month except in December from 9-1 at the back of the County Historical Society Building next to Sierra Presbyterian Church at the wonky corner of Ridge Rd, Nevada City Hwy. All are welcome to join us.

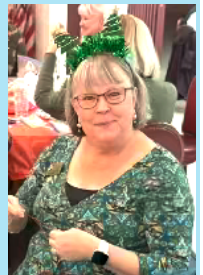


Guild Challenge

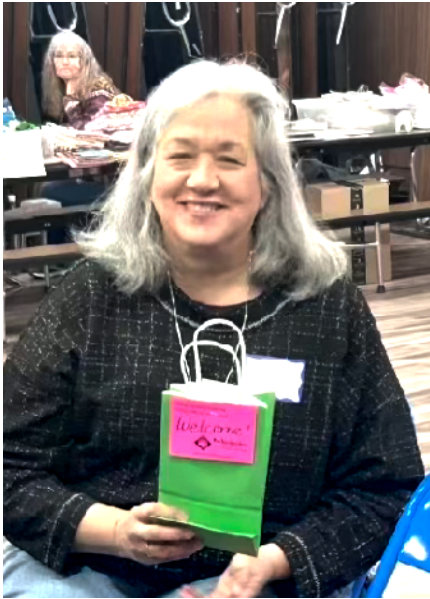
You Still Have 3 Months to Finish Your Guild Challenge

If you have a wonderful idea for our "Read Me - Use Me" Guild Challenge but haven't started, do not worry. You still have three months to complete your project. You will be submitting your quilt project at the same time as all the other quilts for the Quilt Show. Along with the quilt, you will need to include your magazine page that inspired your creation. At our special exhibit at the Quilt Show, attendees will vote for their Favorite Challenge 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. Using the magazine page for inspiration, and all or some of the fabric, you will create a quilt no larger than 30" per side. Check our webpage under the tab "Activities" for further details.



Kris Cook and Margaret Vodicka, Guild Challenge Co-Chairs



Scholarship Chair

Sheri Doerr

At Christmas I received a letter from our 2025 scholarship recipient Judah Sharma. He shared an update about his sophomore year to-date at Cal State East Bay. I thought you would enjoy reading some of his thoughts:

"...This is just a little bit into my semester and what I have been up to and I wanted to share because I am just very proud of my progress and work. It's been a very strong semester. I've really pushed myself to do all that I can and still maintain my core passions and interests. I just need to thank the Guild again for how generous and supportive you all have been. The scholarship really does mean so much more than just money for my family and I, it's been the sole reason I can venture off into college and do it confidently without having to also juggle an external job through everything. If I'm being entirely honest the scholarship gives me the opportunity to continue to draw and maintain my creative side as I engage in a very demanding degree, so thank you.

You guys as a collective have really changed my life and been such a staple and I want to just take the time to thank you so much. It's that kind of care and generosity that keeps me going!"

Such an affirmation for where and how we as a Guild make a difference!

Applications for the 2026 PTQG Memorial Scholarship are being accepted until March 15, 2026. Information and forms can be found on the Guild website.





Inquiring Minds Want to Know.....

Do you have a favorite website you go to for quilting topics? I recently asked Board members to give me their favorites and here they are. Some of them are well known, Missouri Star, Leah Day, Shabby Fabrics, Jordan Fabrics and Fat Quarter Shop. The Quilt Show is a popular site. I've heard of them before, and visited some of the sites. But here are a few I haven't heard of and will be investigating.

Marshall Dry Goods is a fabric site. Robert Kaufman, Riley Blake, and Michael Miller are among the lines they carry. The reviews I read were positive, and there was a wide assortment of widths and fabric collections. Well worth a "trip" to their site. (marshallgoods.com)

Material Girlfriends is actually the creative efforts of twin sisters who decided to quilt at about the same time....1000 miles apart! See their site at (materialgirlfriends.com)

I went to AI for Olive Juice Quilts, and this is what popped up. "Olive Juice Quilts generally receives glowing reviews for its vibrant fabric selection, friendly staff, great classes, and innovative atmosphere, with customers loving the unique experience and helpful service, though reviews primarily focus on the physical shop's charm and community feel. It's known as a fun, well-stocked destination in Onalaska, WI, for quilters of all levels, offering everything from supplies to longarm services, often featured as a standout shop in quilting publications." Google Olive Juice Quilts to see their treasures.

Sew Yeah is a quilt shop in Las Vegas, Nevada....a field trip? It looks like a wide variety of offerings, from sewing machines, quilting services, fabrics and all your other sewing/quilting needs. (seweyahquilting.com)

Sandra Walker writes a blog entitled Musings of a Menapausal Melon, or mmmquilts. An early retiree from education, she has a broad array of interests from teaching yoga, walking her dog to quilting and just generally loving life. Visit her site for more inspiration. (Google Musings of a Menapausal Melon, or mmmquilts)

One last submission was Scrappy Little Joy with Pam Selkirk. Pam Selkirk Designs offers patterns and ideas for using up all those nasty little scraps one just can't throw away!

Check out these sites for more inspiration on your quilting journey!



2026 Affiliates

Howell's Sewing and Vacuum	530-885-9624	coolmarylynn@att.net
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
Star Designs Longarm Quilting	530-277-4327	Please call for an appt.
Three Aunts Quilt Shop	530-798-8506	3AuntsQuiltShop@gmail.com



PTQG 2026 Shriner's Hospital Sacramento Donation Challenge

Shriners Children's is a nonprofit pediatric healthcare system founded in 1922 to provide care during the polio epidemic. Today Shriners Children's employs a family-centered, holistic approach to healthcare and provide services regardless of ability to pay.

Shriners Children's Northern California (Sacramento) serves Northern California, the Western U.S., Northwestern Mexico, and Canada. The hospital specializes in burns, orthopedics, spinal cord injuries, and pediatric surgery and advanced low-dose EOS X-ray imaging. Shriners Children's conducts research and provides medical education.

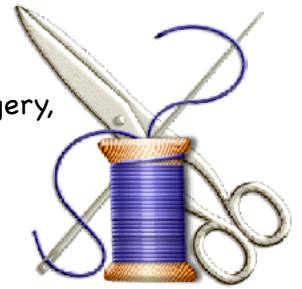
Shriners Children's Hospital provides each child with a pillowcase, toy bear with quilt, (for the bear) and other comfort items as a "Welcome" gift. The Sacramento Coordinator told me they hand out 200 pillowcases monthly. The hospital would like "soft good" donations throughout the year—most currently come in at Christmas. I'm organizing a Guild Challenge to deliver 500 pillowcases, 100 quilts (22" square), and 100 receiving blankets to Shriners Children's by September 2026. All members are welcome to participate. Listed below are some guidelines:

- Use cotton, flannel or minkie type materials.
- Ensure all edges are finished, bound or serged so items are gentle on skin.
- Please avoid themes involving weapons, camouflage, fire/wildfire, or religious imagery,
- Avoid small adornments such as buttons.

Donations can be brought to general meetings or dropped off at Community Service.

Contact me at jpinchatulley@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you for your support in helping children in need!



Jeanne Pincha-Tulley

jpinchatulley@gmail.com

Quilting 101 for 2026

Joan Mosley

January 21, 2026, is the start of this year's class for beginning quilters, **Quilting 101**.

We are meeting at a new location, on a new day of the month, and with a new group of eager learners, on their way to confident and skilled quilting. Those enrolled have been contacted with the details, as the class is now full.

We start off with the basics of fabric and color choice, accurate cutting, precise piecing, and careful pressing needed to create our beautiful blocks. Each month's lessons build upon the skills and practice learned in the previous months, culminating in an original project, designed and created by each student. Along the way, new friendships develop and old ones strengthen as we work together towards our common goals.



At the February Guild meeting, members of the Class of 2025 will be sharing their projects. I have had a sneak peak and they are amazing! I hope you can be there to congratulate them on a job well done!



Take our Opportunity Quilt to Another Guild

It's a lot of fun to see how other Guilds run meetings. Grab and friend and sign up!

Antelope Quilters Guild

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 • Arrive by 6:15pm Meeting starts at 6:30pm

Lutheran Church of the Ascension

7606 Garden Gate • Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Loomis Quilt & Fiber Guild

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 • Arrive by 6:15pm Meeting starts at 6:30pm

Veteran's Memorial Hall

5945 Horseshoe Bar Rd • Loomis, CA 95650

Oroville Piecemakers

Thursday, March 19, 2026 • Doors open at 9:00am Meeting starts at 10:00am

Christian Faith Center

7695 Melvina Ave • Palermo, CA 95968

Please contact Holly Miner, Chair • hollyminer@aol.com or 650-888-1876

**And...the Opportunity Quilt Marketing and Scheduling Chair is still open.
Contact Frances O'Brien today!**

PRECISION QUILTWORKS



John and Karla Rogers

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530-432-9595

precisionqw@hotmail.com

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.



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 a loved one, please let me, Anne Wilson, know so I can send an appropriate card. Thank you!

Anne Wilson, Chairwoman (See roster for Anne's phone and email.)



Find us on 

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

www.facebook.com/PineTreeQuiltGuild/



Happy Birthday!

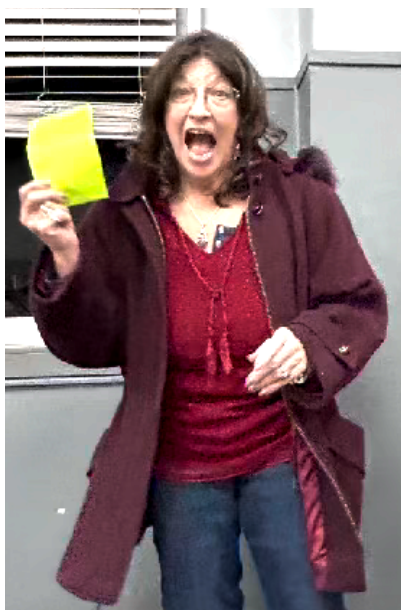
- 4 Karle deProsse
- 6 Jeanne Allgood
- 7 Julie Berry
- 11 Bev Lauer
- 12 Jeanie Ferguson
- 13 Ardy Tobin
- 22 Julia Marvel
- 23 Michael King
- 24 Jan Warholic
- 27 Louise Miller

Celebrate the Good Times!



Happy Anniversary!

- 6 Sophia & Patrick Day
- 7 Susan & Tom Hollenback
- 14 Margaret & Mike Aarons
- 21 Susan & John Mincks
- 24 Diane & Ballard Bare



Three year old Nash received a quilt from Community Service on Christmas Day.



Members getting to know each other as they Find Out Who....started quilting or sewing as a young girl, taught others to quilt, and other possibilities. These members came to the Get Acquainted meeting for those interested in being in a mini-group.



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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