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Pine Tree Quilt Guild  
presents

## Demonstrations to Spur Your Creativity

March 3, 2026

Doors open at 5:30 pm      Meeting starts at 6:00 pm  
Grass Valley Charter School



Flange Binding with  
Lillian Glaeser



English Paper Piecing  
with Erica Caldeira



Wool Applique with  
Jeanne Pincha-Tulley



Quilt Facings with  
Holly Miner

Using circles & shapes  
with Frances O'Brien



Join us to learn new techniques or perfect your skills with techniques that will  
enhance your quilting projects



# Add To Your March Calendar

<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>March 3rd</b> Doors open at 5:30PM	<b>GV Charter School</b>
<b>PTQG Board Mtg</b>	<b>3 PM</b>	<b>March 12th</b>	<b>via Zoom link on website</b>
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>March 15th</b>	<b><a href="mailto:sierrasue@icloud.com">sierrasue@icloud.com</a></b>
<b>Community Service</b>	<b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>	<b>March 5th &amp; 19th</b>	<b>161 Nevada City Hwy, NC</b>
<b>Quilt Show Mtg</b>	<b>1PM - 3PM</b>	<b>March 17th</b>	<b>Eskaton 49er Room</b>
<b>Home Workshop</b>	<b>9AM - 3PM</b>	<b>March 27th</b>	<b>175 Ridge Road, NC</b>
<b>Quilting 101</b>	<b>9:30 AM -2PM</b>	<b>March 18th</b>	<b>GV United Methodist Church</b>

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**“Save the Date: Jamboree - Saturday, October 3rd.”**



**Note from Newsletter Editor**

**Board members and Committee chairpersons try to communicate through many sources: email, website, newsletter. Please check these resources before calling to inquire about Guild events.**

**Please send submissions to me at [sierrasue@icloud.com](mailto:sierrasue@icloud.com) with 'Newsletter' in the subject line**

**I don't go into any other email account regularly.**

**Thank you, Sue Miller**





## A Message from our President....

Hello my quilty friends and Happy March!

The days are getting longer, the daffodils are blooming away, and our quilt show is rapidly approaching. That means we need to sign up to help out at the show! There are still several spots available, so check it out on our website and see what it is you can do to help out. We need all hands on deck.

Speaking of volunteering to work, we are still in need of a person or persons to market our Opportunity Quilt! This does NOT mean you would be taking the quilt to different venues. It is coordinating others to take the quilt, sell tickets, and advertise our show. This is how we fund our guest speakers, Jamboree, and now our Retreat. Holly has done a fantastic job organizing things, so it should be a fairly easy task to take it over and continue on with. Please consider doing this. We need someone by April!

Now for the results of our January survey regarding venues. We had 94 responses, with approximately 70% in favor of the Elks Lodge. We are reserving the Elks Lodge for our June-November meets. Our Christmas party will be at the St. Candice Center in Nevada City. We are still searching out other possibilities and will keep you posted.



Our March meeting will be quilting demonstrations! We will have five stations set up with simple demos for you to peruse. Lillian Glaeser will show flanged binding, Jeanne Pincha-Tulley is doing wool appliqué, Erica Caldeira will show English paper piecing, Holly Miner is demoing quilt facings, and I will be showing how to piece circles and other shapes on your machine. We will still be having Mystery Gifts and Quarter Yard drawings and Show and Tell. It should be fun!

I will see everyone on Tuesday, March 3. The meeting starts at 6:00p.m. and will be at Grass Valley Charter school.

Remember to carpool!

Frances O'Brien .....President





Pine Tree Quilt Guild presents

## Laurel Anderson

Join us on April 7th, to hear Laurel Anderson share her knowledge of the history of appliqué as well as her own evolution with appliquéing. The presentation will include changes in the styles and how they evolved as the country grew.

In her workshop on April 8th, you will explore edge stitching techniques and a variety of fusible products, ultimately deciding upon your favorite.



The title of her workshop on Wednesday is Survey of Fusibles: Wild Roses, Calla Lilies, Leaf Quilt or Table Runner





# Quilt Show 2026

We're off to a great start for the countdown to the Quilt Show!

Volunteer sign-ups are outstanding, but we could still use a few more. See the Volunteer section for a link to sign-up genius. Quilt entries are open and coming in strong. Remember that you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card if you enter your quilt by March 1. **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, so it's a great chance to get in at the beginning.

## Quilt Show Committee

Desiree Davila   Sophia Day   Sue Miller   Holly Miner   Beth Stagner





## Silent Auction 2026

*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 believe would make a wonderful donation. Mini groups might also consider creating and donating a quilt. 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.



## Raffle Basket Donations

*Mariah Bath and Ruth Bertaccini*

**!!!! PLEASE NOTE !!!!**



This year we're changing the drill for collecting mini group and individual Raffle Baskets for our Quilt Show. **We ask that all assembled baskets be brought to our booth in the main hall on Friday morning before the show begins.** We'll have cello wrap and bows there and can put the finishing touches on the baskets, but you're welcome to do that final step if you'd like. Also, if you cannot deliver your basket there, please let us know and you can drop your basket off at one of our homes before the show. We both live in Grass Valley.

**Additionally, when a basket is filled, please email a list of its contents, total value and name of the basket to Betsy Smith no later than April 15th. Please send copies to both Mariah and Ruth, also.** Their contact information is in the roster on the Guild website. Betsy has kindly offered to type this information up for us again this year!

If you want to make a donation toward a raffle basket that we can assemble, remember that you can give it to us at the back table at a Guild meeting or drop it off at Community Service in the box labeled Raffle Baskets. If you or your mini group have not turned in a Promise Sheet yet, please do that soon. We're happy to answer any questions you may have so please call us.



Thank you for your help in continuing to make our baskets some of the very best of our surrounding quilt shows. All the proceeds benefit our Guild!!

Mariah Bath and Ruth Bertacinni





## Spread the Word

## Quilt Show Publicity

As I am sure you are all aware, our quilt show is coming up very soon! 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!

Suzanne and I will have flyers and bookmarks available at our March meeting for you to take and share, as well.



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

The Publicity Team

*Joan Mosley, Suzanne Haislet and Mari Weaver*

## Quilt Show Volunteers

*Judy Hamilton & Margaret Vodicka*

Thank you, fellow Guild members, for stepping up to volunteer at the upcoming Quilt Show. We started out with 230 slots to fill and now have only 19 to go! The remaining positions can be found by going to our website [pinetreequiltguild.com](http://pinetreequiltguild.com) and clicking on the "Quilt Show" tab. Under SignUpGenius you can see which slots need volunteers.

Once you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email and will be entered in the drawing to receive free admission to a Speaker Workshop class.

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.





## Quilting 101

Joan Mosley

Our 2026 class is off and running! We met in January for an active and fun filled day, getting to know one another and begin our exploration of the fundamentals of quilting.

Our first session was all about the importance of precise cutting, careful pressing, and that perfect quarter inch seam, leading into the creation of rail fence, four-patch, and nine patch blocks.



February will focus on the production of multiple half-square triangles, with a goal of making pinwheel, diamond, and broken dishes blocks. Students are encouraged to use their skills and imagination to come up with more ideas that will eventually end up in their class project.

Our class meets monthly, January through October, on the third Wednesday of each month. The 2026 class is currently full; however, registration for the following year opens each October.

## Survey Update

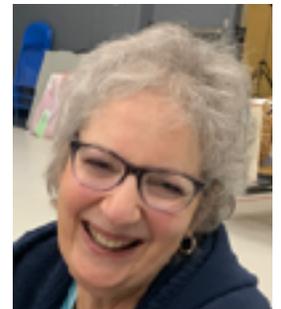
Our January survey regarding venues showed that approximately 70% of those of you that responded would like to try the Elk's Lodge again. We're working on reserving our meeting dates for June-November there. Our Christmas party will be at St. Canice in Nevada City. At the same time, we are pursuing a couple of venues that could even better meet all of our needs.

Stay tuned for updates.

## PTQG Scholarship

Sherri Doerr

The PTQG academic scholarship application deadline is March 15th. This award is given annually, in the memory of Jeanne Gill, Carol Phillips, and Myrna Raglin, to a Nevada County graduating high school senior or first year college student who is pursuing study in textile arts, graphic design, or related fields. Information and application form can be found on the PTQG website.



Click on the link. [Scholarship](#)



# Opportunity Quilt Marketing News

## Time Is Running Out

After serving as Opportunity Marketing Chair since 2020, as of Sunday, April 26 I am done. It is a big job for one person, which is why, early in 2025, I proposed that it be shared by a team of up to five members.

*Why is this position so important? Income.*

From 2020–2025 (excluding 2021 due to COVID), this position has generated an average of \$5,000 per year. Opportunity Quilt ticket sales are essential to supporting our Guild as costs continue to rise. Without them, we may need to cut back on member benefits.

Some members have said to me, “I can’t take the quilt to other Guilds.” And my response is: you don’t have to — unless you want to.

The quilt travels to other Guilds 8–12 times throughout the year. We are more than 200 members strong. Even if 100 of us no longer drive, surely there are many others who do. It is up to the team to solicit volunteers but if people don’t volunteer then the quilt doesn’t get shown.

That said, visits to other Guilds are not where the largest revenue comes from. Our major income opportunities are the County Fair, the Draft Horse Classic, and County Christmas. These events are critical.

I’ve prepared a document outlining duties and timelines. Please review it, gather a team, and contact Frances O’Brien today.

*Our Guild’s financial health depends on it.*

<https://pinetreequiltguild.com/docs/OQ-Team-Documentation.pdf>

*Holly Miner, Opportunity Marketing and Scheduling Chair*



## Quilting Tips

Again from AI: What is chain piecing? It involves an ‘assembly -line method of sewing where you feed pairs of fabric through your machine one after another without cutting thread in between. Chain piecing saves time because you don’t have to stop to lift the presser foot or snip threads after each seam.

Organize your fabric into pairs with right sides together. Sew your first pair together, and immediately feed the next pair under the presser foot, leaving just a few ‘connecting’ stitches between them. Repeat until your stack is done, creating a long ‘chain’ of fabric units. Once finished snip the threads between pieces.





### Row By Row

The 2026 Row-By-Row is in full swing. After just the first round the quilts are awe-inspiring. The next round is sure to leave us breathless and wondering how we can add to that! The inventiveness and creativity people use to create these rows is inspiring.



Row-by-row sessions are held at Ben Franklin’s Classroom at 10:30 am and 5:30 pm. Bring your quilt row, completed RBR note sheet, and any fabrics for the black bag. Everyone will present their row, with the original quilt row owner waiting in the wings. Next Karla, Beth and I will randomly hand you a bag to work on. You’ll have one month to add a row to the quilt you receive. For questions, contact Jeanne Pincha-Tulley (jpinchatulley@gmail.com).

Thank you for participating in this adventure!

*Jeanne Pincha-Tulley*

*Karla Rogers*

*Beth Stagner*

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Nancy Holtz*

Community Service has received a generous donation of fabric and quilt tops from Pat Fryer. She’s been cleaning Villa Rosa before she moves to Texas.

Quilts were given to Rock Creek Rehab this month.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 9 AM to 1:00 PM at the back of the Nevada County Historical Building next to Sierra Presbyterian Church.



### Membership

*Ruth Bertaccini*



Our membership numbers have bested those from mid 2025 already this year! We all hope our newest members are warmly greeted and truly made to feel welcome—because words matter. In that spirit, I’m delighted that our Hospitality Chair will be introducing these wonderful ladies at our next Guild meeting: Erin Thompson, Jean Tomboulion, Sarah Meadows, and Heather Whiteside are new and returning are Arline Wells and Nancie DeProspero. As of early February we're 205 strong!



## Home Workshop

Theresa Finn

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, but PLEASE contact me to register. SignUp Genius doesn't work for this class.



My contact info is in the roster.

## Quilting Tips

According to Google's AI source: Essential quilting tips include maintaining an accurate 1/4" seam, using starch for crisp fabric, pressing seams to the dark side to prevent showing, and consistent trimming of blocks for precision. Do you agree?

## Finish Line for Guild Challenge

Kris Cook and Margaret Vodicka

We congratulate all our members who are challenging themselves and creating a Guild Challenge quilt project. Here are the guidelines for entering your quilt into the Quilt Show.

- Your magazine page must be turned in to us by April 20. Turn in your magazine page to Margaret or Kris at the Challenge table at the March or April Guild meeting. If you are unable to attend, please mail your magazine page to either of us. Our addresses are in the Roster.
- Write your name on the reverse side of the magazine page that inspired you. Magazine pages will be available for viewing during the show.
- The quilt must be completely finished with a sleeve and label and no larger than 30" per side.
- The Challenge quilt is to be entered into the show via the Quilt Entry Form, and under the "Guild Challenge" category.





- 1 Helena Heinzelmann
- 4 Mary Serpa
- 7 Lynda Lasich
- 14 Paula Routh
- 17 Sharon Sciabica
- 24 Millie Folda
- 25 Susanne Haislet
- 26 Rebecca Smith-Lehmann
- 30 Andrea Falls
- 30 Margaret Boothby

### Round Robin

Peggy Vierra

Round Robin is off to a good start. Our February meeting was postponed due to weather. We will notify members for arranging exchanges. March 19th will find us at Ben Franklin for another round. Everyone participating is really talented.



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

SHARE AND CARE



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

### In Memory...

Long time Guild member Mary Crane passed away Friday February 6. Her family and friends all appreciated her caring, loving and generosity to all of us. She brought sunshine into our lives!

The Busy Bees Mini Group 





Appliqué Mini-Group meeting at Ben Franklin. Back row, l-r, Sheri Doerr, Henrietta MacDonald, Erica Caldeira, Karla Rogers, Sue Marshall and Kris Cook. Front row, l-r, Holly Champagne, Beth Stagner, Jeanne Pincha-Tully, and Robi Holmen. Missing are Mariah Bath, Vicki Black and April Durham.

## HAVES 'N WANTS

FOR SALE

Baby Lock Coronet Longarm

Almost new!! \$4,800

Contact Kathy Biggi, info in Roster





### Haves 'n Wants. ....cont....

"Selling TinLizzie Apprentice 18 on a 5-10ft XL Phoenix frame with Perfect Stitch Quilting Robotics system with over 300 designs. Last serviced in June 2024 by Keith Gaines. He stated that the machine was in excellent condition. It is like new with less than 100 hours of total use. Extras include a ruler table, back handlebars for pantographs, Red Snapper loading system, bobbins, needles, and lots more extras. Both the Longarm and computer system new cost over \$10,000. Selling for \$7,000. I'm willing to discuss the price. Please text or call Becky 530-301-2462 if you would like to hear more about it. I have moved to a sit-down set up."





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**Foothill Quilters Guild Luncheon**

# *Tea Time in the Foothills*

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*Internationally Recognized Quilter and Fabric Artist*

**Auburn Veterans Memorial Hall  
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**Doors open at 10:30am • Lunch served at 11:45am**

**Tickets \$50 per person**

available at Foothill Quilters Guild meetings  
online <https://square.link/u/XRPsBhnd> or use QR Code below

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Fashion Show  
Silent Auction  
Raffle Baskets

Lunch Catered  
by The Tea Nook  
of Lincoln, CA





## 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, 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](mailto:jpinchatulley@gmail.com) with any questions.

*Thank you for your support in helping children in need!*

*Jeanne Pincha-Tulley*

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

See our web page for membership forms and information: [www.pinetreequiltguild.com](http://www.pinetreequiltguild.com)