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Pine Tree Quilt Guild presents

Laurel Anderson

Tuesday, April 7th
Doors Open 5:30 PM
Meeting 6:00PM



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.

Save the Dates!

April 25th and 26th — Pine Tree Quilt Guild Quilt Show

August 21st - 23rd — Quilt Guild Retreat

October 3rd — Jamboree



Add To Your April Calendar

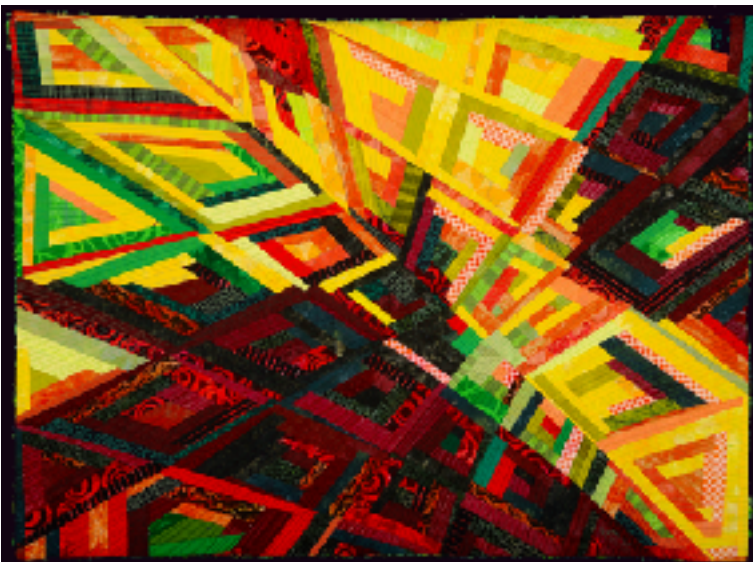
General Meeting	6:00 PM	April 7th	GV Charter School
			Doors open at 5:30PM
Speaker Workshop	9-3	April 8th	St Canice Center, Reward St. NC
PTQG Board Mtg	3 PM	April 9th	Ben Franklin
Newsletter Deadline	6 PM	April 12	sierrasue@icloud.com
Community Service	9 AM - 1 PM	April 2nd & 16th	161 Nevada City Hwy, NC
Quilt Show Mtg	1PM - 3PM	April 14	Eskaton
Home Workshop	9AM - 3PM	No Meeting	because of Quilt Show
Quilting 101	9:30 AM -2PM	No meeting	because of Quilt Show

Workshop Programs

Anne Padgett

The April Laurel Anderson workshop is full. There is a wait list. Call or email me (Anne Padgett) if you'd like to be on the wait list. (As of 03/22 there was one spot, check with Anne if you're interested.)

The Speaker for our September 1st Guild meeting is Katie Pasquini. Her topic at the meeting is Painting With Cloth.



The September workshop with Katie Pasquini is Artful Log Cabins. It is a 2-DAY workshop, September 2nd and 3rd. Sign-up on Signup Genius or at a Guild meeting. We'll be creating linear abstract art wall quilts. Starting with a photo or painting it will be cropped then overlaid with a grid (even, uneven, or curved!). Each unit or log cabin of the grid is then constructed.

The photo above is one sample of Katie's work.



A Message from our President....

Hello my Quilty friends and Happy April!



As beautiful as our little corner of the world is, I think it's at its most glorious in April! The flowers are starting to bloom, birds are singing their little hearts out, the days are longer and not too warm, and our quilt show is just days away!

And speaking of quilt shows- if you haven't done so already, get those quilts registered! The layout committee is mapping out how to best display everything, and they'd really appreciate it if you gave them as much time as possible!

Also, we still have some jobs that need volunteers! Please check the website to see if there's anything you can help out with. We need all hands on deck!

Our April meeting will have a guest speaker. Laurel Anderson will be speaking about appliqué, the different types, and when to use what where. It should be interesting!

I will see you all Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 pm at the Grass Valley Charter School.
Carpool if you can, please and thank you.



Frances O'Brien





Quilt Show 2026

We want to welcome Holly Champagne who stepped up to be our Setup/TearDown Committee Chairperson! The new frames are on order and should be here by the end of the month. The old PVC frames have gone to good homes.

Quilt entries are pouring in! We have 150 so far, with half of those being judged. We have a lot of members entering for the first time and also having their entries judged for the first time. We are so excited to see all of those beautiful quilts showcased on the new frames. We will also have a fabulous display of some of our founding member's quilts, along with past Best of Show and Featured Quilter quilts. Please, invite all of your friends!

Quilt Entries are due by April 1. Remember that you need to enter your Guild Challenge quilts if you want them displayed. If you enter Row by Row quilts and Holiday Challenge quilts, those will be displayed all together. All quilts must have a sleeve and label. Information is on the website regarding this.

Our website has details on when/where to drop off judged quilts and display-only quilts. Judged quilts will be dropped off at Ponderosa Hall this year and that is where judging will be held. Members are welcome to observe.

Watch the Quilt Show tab on our website. It will be updated as any new information is available. First to send the names of the five women listed below wins a prize at the April meeting. Send to sierrasue@icloud.com.



Last Quilt Show Committee meeting is April 14, 1:00PM at Eskaton



Raffle Basket Donations

These are important guidelines for Raffle Baskets. Please help the committee by following them...Thanks....

As you know, this year we are unable to store completed baskets in our homes. We have asked that you send the list of items in your baskets to Betsy Smith who has graciously agreed to type the lists for the Show. Send all ingredients (name of basket, contents of basket plus value) to Betsy Smith who has graciously offered to type & print out the lists that accompany the baskets. Please make sure to include the name of the individual or mini group who is making such a generous donation. We are willing to accept baskets at any Quilt Show committee meetings or at the general meeting in early April, but we most prefer that baskets are delivered in the morning to the fairgrounds (Main St) on Friday, April 24. We are more than happy to wrap and ribbon the baskets as long as the list of contents is emailed to Betsy in advance.



If you have questions, please email me at Ruth Bertaccini ruthdb@sbcglobal.net or Mariah Bath Mariah.bath@gmail.com

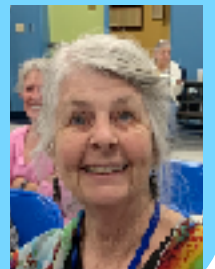
Quilt Show Volunteers

We would like to extend a big thank-you to all our superb Guild members. We are very grateful for your donation of time to make our annual Quilt Show a success. We only have 14 more slots to fill and quite a few of them are activities that mostly involve sitting down.

Please go to our website pinetreequiltguild.com and use signupgenius to sign up.



Margaret Vodicka and Judy Hamilton





Don't Miss Springtime in the Pines April 25-26 Nevada Co Fairgrounds

Our 40th Anniversary Quilt Show is fast-approaching and should be bigger and better in many regards. Aside from our lovely gift baskets, wildly popular Country Store, vendor booths, opportunity quilt...the quilts are sure to dazzle.

About 200 quilts will be on display--some judged, others not. A special retrospective from the guild's Quilt Show past will feature Best of Show winners and Featured Quilters over our history. Curated by past-President Jeanne Pincha-Tulley, about 40 quilts sprinkled throughout the Main Hall and into Ponderosa Hall will look back on the amazing work from Nevada County.

Sure to please is a 1986 quilt (72"x72") designed and appliquéd by our own world-renowned Velda Newman entitled Freedom is Fragile. Quilts made by Row-by-Row participants will also be grouped together.

Be sure to enjoy a beverage, lunch and dessert catered by At Your Service, Katie Orellana, owner!

See you at the Show!



Mari Weaver
Susanne Haislet
Joan Mosley





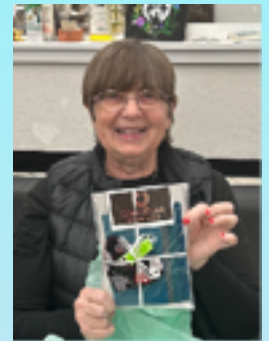
Quilt Judging:

Sheri, Mary and I are excited about the judging of our quilts this year. The judges always love judging our show because of the quality of our quilts.

Mona Wooden and Dana Lahargoue will be our judges this year. They are both trained and experienced and are also quilters.

You are all welcome to come observe the judging. It is an opportunity to learn what the judges are looking for in your quilts. They will point out well done areas and give suggestions for improvement where needed. The goal is to help you become a better quilter. We hope you decide to join us on April 23rd in the Ponderosa Hall at the fairgrounds at 9:00 am. We also encourage you to have your quilts judged. The experience is fun.

Susie Hardy, Sheri Doerr, Mary Serpa



Last Quilt Show Committee meeting is April 14, 1:00PM at Eskaton

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 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.





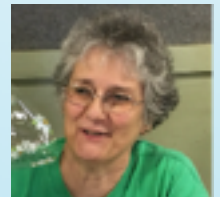
Community Service

Nancy Holtz

Community Service remains very busy sorting fabric, making quilt sandwiches, pricing Country Store items, and getting our baskets ready for the upcoming Quilt Show. Quilts were delivered to Golden Empire Rehab facility. We always have a need for lap size (38"-42" by 38"-48") and twin sizes (60"-64" by 74"-80"). PLEASE no double, King, or Queen size. We do NOT need CPS quilts (no batting). Child Advocates has been asking for more juvenile (lap size) than they used to. This is separate from the Shiners Quilts. If anyone would like to donate upholstery fabric or other heavy fabric for dog beds, we can use it.

Thanks to All who help this committee be a success.

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



As the weather is warming up, I wish to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Mary Benedict. Little by little our quilting nest is being built and made sturdier with each new and returning member to our Guild. If members were flowers, we could count 206 in our bouquet. Hooray!



ROW-BY-ROW EXCHANGE

This year, everyone has taken the challenge of working their rows with truly amazing results! We are halfway through the challenge and the quilt rows are remarkable! Imaginations and designs are running wild and free, with color and fabric selections inspiring.

In the March meetings, we spoke about the need to accurately measure each row to ensure accuracy in the final projects. Don't measure on a soft surface such a bed, rather place it on a hard surface and carefully measure the top, middle, and bottom of your row. Of note is the need to iron correctly: "Place and press, don't slide and glide." Slide and glide distorts the fabric, especially when using steam or Spray Starch or Best Press.

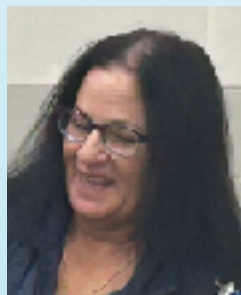
The April 8, 2026, meeting will be held at Ben Franklin's classroom at 10:30 am for the morning session and 5:30 pm for the evening session.

These are turning into incredible quilts! As always we are available if you have questions or need help.

Keep the inspirational work going!



Karla Rogers



Jeanne Pincha-Tulley



Beth Stagner



Looking Forward to seeing your "Read Me, Use Me" 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.

We need you to submit your magazine page by April 20. Turn in the page to Margaret or Kris at the April Guild meeting or, if you are unable to attend, please mail your magazine page to either of us. Our addresses are in the Roster. Any questions, contact Kris Cook or Margaret Vodicka.

Kris Cook or Margaret Vodicka

Guild Challenge Co-Chairs





Opportunity Quilt Marketing News

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



Could you all hear my sigh of happiness when six of the Happy Threads Mini Group stepped up and agreed to fill the Opportunity Quilt Marketing and Scheduling position?

I am so grateful to Ruth Bertaccini, Theresa Finn, Susanne Haislet, Robi Holmen, Sue Miller and Sharon Sciatica for teaming up to take on this important Guild position. An announcement will be made

once they have determined who is doing what but the plan is for each to take on one role. "Many hands make light work." After the Quilt Show, they will begin to market our 2027 Opportunity Quilt "Shoofly Confetti."

They will NOT be taking the quilt to other Guilds. When the OQ Team asks Membership for volunteers, please be sure to help out if you can!

For the rest of 2026, the new quilt is scheduled to be shown at: Elk Grove Guild (May), Valley Guild (June), Foothill Guild (October), Flying Needles Guild (October), Sutter Buttes Guild (October), Roseville Guild (October) and Golden Valley (November). Also, don't forget about the VERY important NC Fair, Draft Horse Classic and Country Christmas. These three public events need volunteers.

In the May Newsletter, I will post the report of income for "Royal Kaleidoscope."



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8	Paula Michalski	9	Melissa Parrett	10	Erica Caldeira
10	Valerie Hudelson	14	Jeanne Pincha-Tulley	14	Barbara Stein
15	Linda Miller	21	Debe Wilson	27	Annica Hagadorn
28	Star Parker	29	Marjorie McConnell	29	Laurie Kempenaar
		30	Ingrid Peterson		

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)



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

www.facebook.com/PineTreeQuiltGuild/

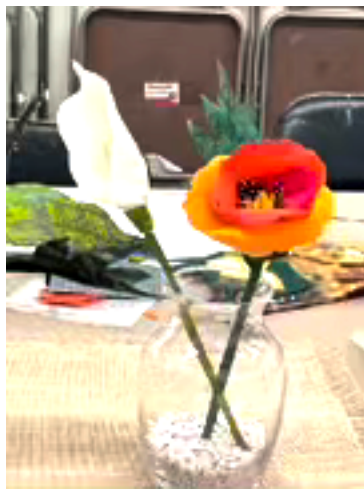


On the right is our own Velda Newman. She created the "Freedom is Fragile" quilt on the left, which will be one of our featured quilts at the show on April 25th and 26th.



Remaining pictures are from the work day at Ben Franklin where Terry McFeely helped members create flowers using her Terial Magic. These flowers will be made into arrangements for the tables in the cafe at the Quilt Show. The pictures at the end are from our March meeting.





July Picnic

Amy Traugot and Jeaneen Avery

So, Its summer! Boy that seems to have come fast. Oh wait, no, its just spring! Planning for the summer PICNIC to be held on TUESDAY, JULY 7th is underway. Save the date and hope to see you all at this fun, festive and floral event. Contact Amy Traugot or Jeaneen Avery if you'd like to help out or have any ideas you'd like to share. Contact information is in the roster or on the website.







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