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Pine Tree Quilt Guild

Tuesday, October 6th, 2026

Doors Open. 5:30PM. Meeting. 6:00PM
Nevada City Elks Lodge Nevada City Hwy 49

Refine Your Skills!

Come and Learn:

- * how to square up your quilt
- * tips for successful binding
- * how to achieve a flatter quilt
- * how to perfect your circles
- * how to make a
Disappearing Pinwheel Block

Join us at our October meeting to hear how to pay attention to the details that give your quilt that professional look!

There is no workshop in October.



ATTENTION Hall of Honor

Applications for the Hall of Honor are being accepted until September 30th.

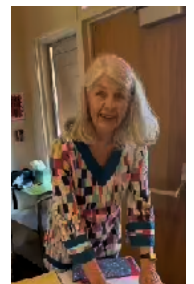
Please submit your nominations to Deirdre Campbell at

dcampbell107@hotmail.com

Jamboree - Saturday, October 3

Our Jamboree is Saturday, October 3rd, 9:00 to 3:00 (doors open at 8:30) at Peace Lutheran Church, 828 W Main St, Grass Valley. We look forward to a day of creativity, learning and camaraderie. Coffee, tea and yummy home baked goodies will be provided. Please bring your lunch and the supplies listed on your class information sheet.

If you have any questions, please send an email to Margaret Vodicka





President's Message

Hello lovely ladies and Happy October!

This is one of the most beautiful times of the year! I love the leaves, the crisp mornings, the comforting soups, and the desire to quilt returns big time for most of us! And you're in luck because there's lots going on in the guild this month!



For starters, Jamboree is here! Saturday, October 3 is our big day. We have five offerings for you to enjoy! I'm teaching a bag making class, Jeanne Pincha-Tulley is offering a wool applique class, Robi Holmen is teaching a kaleidoscope quilt class, Erica Caldeira is teaching English paper pieced clamshells, and if you don't want to start a new project, there is always "open sew". You work on any project you want and sew with your friends. Hope to see you there!

Our meeting on Tuesday, October 6 will be another demonstration day. Because you asked, I'll demonstrate my circle technique. Others will share how to square up your block and square up your rows for those of you in Row by Row who need visuals. It's also great to understand in general. It helps your quilt lay flatter. And Joan Mosley will demonstrate a disappearing pinwheel block. Doors open at 5:30pm at the Nevada City Elks Lodge.

And last on our list of October offerings is our Sampler Platter. This is an online course of 23 teachers sharing their latest and greatest tips, tricks, and techniques! It will be offered October 24th & 25th. The guild will pay for the pass, you are free to check out any and all the videos. Who knows, you might just find your next project there!

That's it! That's everything! I hope to see your bright shiny faces soon! Take care

Frances O'Brien



The Slate of Officers has been finalized:

President: Frances O'Brien

Vice President: Deirdre Campbell and Lillian Glaeser

Secretary: Rhonda Horne

Treasurer: Kathy Mollet

Voting occurs at the October meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor before the vote.



Add to Your October Calendars

Jamboree	9-3	Saturday October 3rd	Peace Lutheran
General Meeting	6:00 PM	Tuesday, Oct 6th, 6:00PM	Elk's Lodge, Nevada City, CA
PTQG Board Meeting	3:00 pm	Thursday, Oct 8th, 3:00PM	Ben Franklin
Newsletter Deadline	Evening of	Sunday, Oct 12th	sierrasue@icloud.com
Quilt Show Meeting	1:00PM - 3:00PM	Tuesday, Oct 21st	Eskaton, 49er Room
Community Service	9 am - 1 pm	Oct 1st, 15th	161 Nevada City Hwy, Nevada City
Home Workshop	9 am - 3 pm	Oct 29th	Sierra Presbyterian Church
Quilting 101	10am - 2 pm	Oct 21st	Grass Valley Methodist

PTQG Challenge for 2027. What's Old Is New Again

A Fun Project for All

We encourage all our members, whether one is a beginner or an advanced quilter, to participate in this year's Guild Challenge "**What's Old is New Again**". The Challenge is to create a quilt with something old, unusual or found. Some of your materials can be any repurposed fabric, embellishment, or trinket. We also suggest that your quilt express the theme "What's Old is New Again" through either the artwork or by taking a modern twist to a traditional block or method.



Any technique can be used.

Fabric: In addition to using some repurposed fabric on the front of the quilt, you can use anything else.

You may want to embellish the quilt with old jewelry or trinkets.

Consider the theme "What's Old is New Again".

The quilt may be no larger than **25" per side**, completely finished with a sleeve & label.

The quilt is to be entered into the 2027 Quilt Show. One can have it judged or not.

You can choose to have your quilt displayed as well at the June 2027 Reno Quilt Show.

Remember, this is your choice.

Please keep your project secret.

You can sign up at our next Guild meeting or go to the SignupGenius Link located on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Cook or Margaret Vodicka, co-chairs

Kris Cook and Margaret Vodicka, Guild Challenge Co-Chairs





Row-By-Row 2027

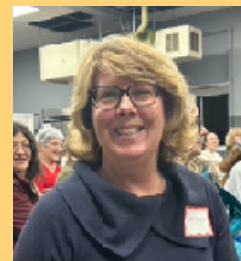
Get ready for another fun and inspiring year of Row-By-Row! Each year, participants may begin with a little trepidation, but their first quilt row soon grows into a wonderful master quilt filled with creativity, surprises, and the amazing synergy of the group. There will be two sessions—10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.—on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning January 13, 2027. Basic sewing skills are required, and quilters of all skill levels are warmly invited to join the fun!

Come see the beautiful 2026 Row-By-Row quilts at the October General Meeting! Participants will proudly share their quilts during Show and Tell, offering plenty of inspiration for anyone thinking about joining in next year.

Signups for the 2027 Row-By-Row are open now—don't miss your chance to be part of this creative, friendly, and rewarding quilting adventure! You may sign up at General Meetings or send me an email.



*Jeanne Pincha-Tulley,
Karla Rogers
Beth Stagner*



Round Robin will begin to take sign ups in January for our next quilt challenge. We will start our 1st meeting in May and meet once a month until November. We will be meeting at Ben Franklin. More information to follow later. Hope you will be able to join us.



*Peggy Vierra 530 913 2243
Frances O'Brien 530 575-0708*





Community Service

Nancy Holtz

Community Service stays busy with sorting donations, making quilt sandwiches, and working on dog beds. Speaking of which---if anyone has any OLD sheets/pillowcases that they would like to get rid of, we will gladly take them. They are used for the inside of the dog beds.



We are always in need of twin size quilts to be quilted. If you are learning to use a long arm, these quilts are perfect to practice on. Quilt recipients are happy to receive a quilt and do not look at the quilting on it.

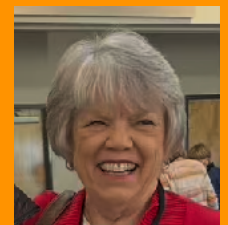
We meet the first and third Thursdays of each month from 9-1 at the back of the Nevada County Historical Society Building NEXT to Sierra Presbyterian Church at the wonky corner of Ridge Rd and Nevada City Hwy.

Opportunity Quilt Marketing

Sue Miller

**Volunteers Needed Country Christmas Faire
November 27th, 28th, & 29th, 2026**

Thanks to all of you who helped with the Draft Horse Classic. Our next marketing event for the Opportunity Quilt will be Country Christmas, November 27th, 28th and 29th. 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. More information to come in the November newsletter. If you have questions, call or text Sue Miller, 530-263-0805





QUILT SHOW 2027

Planning for our 42nd Annual "Springtime in the Pines" Quilt Show has started. The steering committee has met to go over timelines. Most of the committee members met on September 15 to discuss the budget and learn what has already been accomplished by different committees.

The next quilt show meeting is on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00.

The meeting will be held at Eskaton.



Desiree Davila



Sue Colbert



Jude Parry-Jones



Karen Smith





Home Workshop/Skill Share

Theresa Finn

Skill Share is open to all members for free! So, new members, check us out at our table. In January, Sophia will guide you in making a name tag. Does this mean you may not participate in the name tag exchange? No, you can do both. It's nice to have a variety of name tags to go with your mood or color choice for the event. We will now pause until January and Sophia's class. When you sign up for a class, you will receive a supply list, directions, and other pertinent information. It's a relaxed and friendly group.

For everyone, we need instructors to share a skill or a project. It's a very informal gathering and we'll offer as much help as you need. It can even be teaching a particular block construction which we could assemble for a Community Service quilt. Of course, you could choose to make a quilt of your own. We can always use people who know how to bind and face quilts, how to square blocks and quilts, how to make a simple sewing machine cover, machine/hand appliqué..... the sky is the limit.



Contact Theresa Finn with questions, comments or to volunteer to teach a class. Her contact information is in the roster.



Favorite Tools

Do you have a favorite quilting tool? I think mine is the battery powered 'razor' seam ripper. Probably the tool I use the most frequently!

During the Summer Retreat I sent around a tablet asking those there to list their favorite tools. I will list some of them over the coming months. The first one is from Althea Espenshade : she uses a "Metal plate with strong magnets (120 lbs) to hold my larger quilts while I bind them. Magnets hold the quilt so I don't have to stress my back and shoulders holding the quilt".

Next month I'll have more responses..... Sue



Membership News

Ruth Bertaccini



During August and September, we've added five more members to our growing community of quilters. If you're mingling at our next meeting or at Jamboree in early October, please welcome these newbies. They are Wendy Jenks, Aleta Harvey, Christine Weber and Brandy Minvielle. Shelly von Brincken is also officially returning as well. We now number 227 strong!



November Speaker

Rachel Clark

Our November program will feature contemporary folk artist and educator, Rachel Clark. Her designs include coats, vests, and quilt patterns, along with a range of instructional booklets. Her workshop will help members create a one-of-a-kind vest using improvisational piecing and surface design techniques.

Go to the PTQG website to sign up for her workshop.





Mini-Group

New members met in September. If you are a newer member and have not gotten connected with others to form a mini-group and you would like to, please contact Sue Miller. Her contact information is in the roster.

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. They meet once a month at Ben Franklin from January to June. Watch for news about the next one in the newsletter.

From previous newsletters:

.....some of our mini groups have openings for members. All contact information is in the online roster. Sue Marshall is the contact for a group that focuses on long-arm quilting. Ginny Gleason is the contact for a group that focuses on machine embroidery. This group is just getting off the ground and doesn't have established meetings yet. Sophia Day is the contact for a group that meets in South County, with no specific specialty. Mariah Bath is the contact for groups focused on handwork including Sashiko and Dear Jane.

If you are interested in learning how to use EQ 8, contact Janet Palmer. She is interested in forming a small group. Her contact information is in the roster. As Jeanne mentioned in her message this month, she is interested in forming an Appliqué group. (This group has been formed.)

Ruth Bertaccini



Judy Hamilton



Sue Miller



Beth Stagner

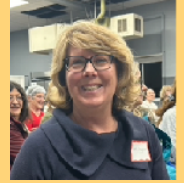


Theresa Finn and Melissa Parrett admiring Melissa's quilt top. So much accomplished during the retreat!



2027 Quilting 101

Beth Stagner



Attention All New Quilters!

Quilting 101 is a free class for Guild members designed to help beginning quilters gain confidence and skill in the basics of quilting. You will bring your machine and supplies to each month's session where we will focus on cutting, sewing, squaring and/or pressing while creating designed blocks. We will also visit other areas of quilting, such as suggestions for useful tools, tips and tricks, 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 to share at our February 2028 Guild meeting.

Signups for the 2027 Quilting 101 class begin at our October Guild meeting. We will be available to answer questions as well. Due to our classroom space, the number is limited to 16, so please don't delay signing up. Spaces generally fill up quickly. If you cannot make it to the October meeting, please either text or email me if you are interested in joining the class.

Our class meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from January to October 2027 from 9:30 to 2:00 at United Methodist Church in Grass Valley. I will send out all of the needed information to class members after signups. Maryann Klingman, Kathy Mollet, and I are looking forward to following in the amazing footsteps of Joan Mosley.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Beth Stagner at 925-383-7188 or email at bethstagner@mac.com.

Note: The last class of 2026 will be Wednesday, October 21st at United Methodist Church in Grass Valley.



Sue Marshall, Lillian Glaeser and Holly Miner showing the quilts made for the Draft Horse Classic and the Country Christmas Faire.



Shriners Children's Hospital Donations

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley

With heartfelt appreciation, thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful cause. The Shriners Children's Hospital coordinator shared how touching it is to see the children's faces light up when they receive a pillowcase filled with a teddy bear and teddy bear quilt.

Together, we were able to send the following donations:

Pillowcases: 246

Teddy Bear Quilts: 208

Receiving Blankets: 59

Lap Quilts: 21

Thank you again for your time, materials, generosity, and kindness. Your thoughtful contributions will bring comfort and joy to many children and their families.



Gratitude and my warmest thanks to all who donated to the Cause!

Jeanne

Haves n Wants

I have recently taken a Design-A-Way retractable design wall created for quilters and crafters by [FireHawk Adventures](#), a Northern California-based maker owned by Robyn Embree to the Habitat Restore on Loma Rica in Grass Valley. A standard retractable design wall built for permanent or semi-permanent mounting in sewing and quilting rooms. I didn't have room to store it or hang it in my sewing room. If anyone is interested, check out the Restore.





2026 Opportunity Quilt Marketing

Members of our Guild made the 2026 Opportunity Quilt, Shoo Fly Confetti. It was shown in our quilt show, the NC Fair and the Draft Horse Classic. It will also be shown at the Christmas Fair. But, taking it to other guilds is also how we raise money for the guild. Between now and our next quilt show, we need to take it to as many other guilds as we can. We have one knowledgeable person, Robi Holmen, to ride along to assist, but we need drivers (who may be reimbursed for mileage). Our last opening for this year is to Citrus Heights for a 7:30 pm meeting. Please visit the HWS/SS table to sign up. Visiting other guilds is very interesting and informative.

Sign ups for next year's travels will be on the website via Sign-up Genius. I encourage all of you to help the Opportunity Quilt raise funds for OUR Guild. Thinking ahead to next year (and even years beyond), we need individuals and groups to create quilts for the Draft Horse Classic and Christmas Fair, and the Opportunity Quilt. We have a group working on the 2027 Christmas quilt. Which quilt appeals to you or your group? Contact Theresa Finn if you're interested in making one of the quilts.

Theresa's contact information is in the roster or you can reach her at the Home Workshop/Skill Share table at meetings.



Peggy Vierra, Becky Kyler, Kris Cook, Sharon Sciabica, Sandra Bruce and Anne Padgett watching Katie demonstrate her technique.



Affiliates

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

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
3 Aunts Quilt Shop	530-798-8506	3AuntsQuiltShop@gmail.com



THANK YOU!

We all owe a big thank you to Lillian Glaeser for enabling us to use St. Canice Center for our workshops. She organizes everything so we can use the space. Be sure and thank her for her hard work for the Guild.

Thanks, Lillian!



Left: Becky Kyler at the Fractured Log Cabin Workshop.

Above: This years name tags waiting to be claimed at the meeting.



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- 2 Dianna Hare
- 2 Barbara Simmons
- 11 Vaughn Rodriguez
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- 23 Marie Hipplesley
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- 29 Sue Fisher
- 29 Cindy Maurice
- 29 Margaret Aarons
- 29 Maura Devlin
- 29 Christine Weber
- 31 Judy Vaughn

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



PINE TREE QUILT GUILD
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2025 Actuals, 2026 Budget, 2026 Forecast and 2027 Proposed Budget

	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2026 Forecast	2027 Proposed Budget
Revenue				
4100 Income General Projects				
4101 Treasure Table	447.00	650.00	788.00	700.00
4104 Other Income	375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4200 Interest Income	2,061.81	2,200.00	2,098.06	2,250.00
4300 Membership Income				
4301 Affiliates	195.00	300.00	180.00	200.00
4302 Donations	1,238.00	1,300.00	884.00	1,000.00
4303 Membership Dues Received	5,534.00	5,550.00	5,609.00	6,300.00
4304 Name Tag Fines	15.00	0.00	22.30	0.00
4400 Opportunity Quilt Income	4,551.00	3,000.00	5,471.00	4,000.00
4500 Jamboree	855.00	0.00	850.00	850.00
4700 Speaker Workshops	2,695.00	2,500.00	3,245.00	3,000.00
4900 Fees for Guild Retreat	2,955.00	0.00	4,400.00	4,400.00
Total for Revenue	20,921.81	15,500.00	23,547.36	22,700.00
Expenditures				
7100 Committees				
7101 Scholarship	4,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	4,000.00
7105 Mini Groups	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
7106 Community Service	1,677.73	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,400.00
7107 Home Workshop	85.29	50.00	85.29	85.00
7108 Jamboree	2,451.95	1,500.00	2,350.00	2,350.00
7109 Membership Expenses	379.25	300.00	436.41	400.00
7110 Opportunity Quilt	867.49	800.00	946.03	850.00
7112 Share and Care	0.00	100.00	0.00	25.00
7113 Comm Svc-Shipping Fees	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
7301 Equipment & Software (inc.Zoom)	408.01	600.00	408.01	500.00
7303 Insurance	1,039.00	985.00	1,039.00	1,050.00
7304 Miscellaneous	685.24	750.00	63.74	450.00
7305 Opp. Quilt Publicity	61.11	300.00	20.37	150.00
7306 Rental Meetings & Classes	2,130.00	2,915.00	3,305.90	3,500.00
7307 Setup Meeting	111.90	100.00	145.00	150.00
7308 Rental Equipment Storage	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
7309 Rental Space Comm. Service	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
7310 Website & Email	945.08	1,000.00	786.10	900.00
7311 Guild Retreat	6,099.17	1,500.00	5,900.00	5,900.00
7312 Bulletins	88.19	350.00	0.00	100.00
7313 Accounting Software	702.00	750.00	702.00	750.00
7314 Guild Credit Card Fees	72.91	100.00	151.45	150.00
7501 NCQC	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
7503 Holiday Party	644.33	500.00	500.00	250.00
7504 Hall of Honor	50.06	50.00	50.06	50.00
7505 July Picnic	124.47	75.00	124.47	250.00
7506 Mixer	344.59	500.00	156.84	250.00
7508 Speakers	4,483.36	7,000.00	4,062.06	5,100.00
7509 Non Speaker Programs	150.00	300.00	150.00	150.00
7512 Row by Row/Round Robin	485.59	150.00	319.04	150.00
75XX Guild Challenge	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
Total for Expenditures	34,126.72	31,585.00	31,541.77	36,020.00
Quilt Show Profit (Loss)	8,133.36	9,000.00	16,162.47	10,000.00
Net Revenue	-5,071.55	-7,085.00	8,168.06	-3,320.00
Bank Ending Balance December End	75956.05	68,871.05	89,054.29	85,734.29



Above: Beautiful Round Robin Quilts, unfortunately, not all fit on the stage.....



Left: Kathy Biggi, Rebecca Smith-Lehmann and Theresa Finn at the Home Workshop/Skill Share table

Below: Ruth Bertaccini, Kris Cook and her daughter, Chelsea, signing in for Katie Pasquini's talk at our September meeting.



Below: Robi Holmen and Terry McFeely holding Joy Waggener's, right, Butterfly quilt.





Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association

While many of you will be at Jamboree on the third, some of you had other plans. If they are in the Bay Area, you might want to check this event out....

Due to the amazing success of the last one, we will be having another Super-Sized Pop-Up Boutique October 3 from 10am to 1pm. We'll be in the Orchard City Banquet Hall at the Campbell Community Center, 1 W Campbell, Campbell CA 95008.

In addition to all the usual quilty stuff, we'll be featuring lots of bolts (4 yards or more), lots of thread spools & cones, and a huge supply of fat quarters. This will be a great time to grab what you need for all your holiday gifting, or just stock up on some great supplies. Even better, it will be in the large room at the Campbell Community Center - no more jostling for position. You can shop for the entire 3 hours. Open to the public, so be sure to tell your family & friends.

Foothill Quilters
Fourth Annual Halloween Bunco
Saturday, October 24th, 2026
Time: 12:00PM-4:00PM
Bunco Begins at 1:00PM
Location:
100 East Street, Auburn, 95603

Bunco Prizes & Costume Contest
Raffle Baskets and Silent Auction
Door Prizes Dessert will be served

Only 100 seats Available
at \$25 each
For more information go to
foothillquilters.org



ANNUAL SUN CITY ROSEVILLE NEEDLE ARTS

Holiday Craft Faire

Saturday November 7, 2026
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Needle Arts
Creative Arts
Fine Arts

Bake Sale
Book Sale

Timber Creek Lodge
7050 Del Webb Blvd, Roseville
ATM available





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