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Pine Tree Quilt Guild

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026
Doors Open. 5:30PM. Meeting. 6:00PM
Nevada City Elks Lodge Nevada City Hwy 49

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.

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The workshop is full, but there is a waiting list. You can go to the PTQG website to add your name to the waiting list for her workshop. Call Anne Padget for information. 530-913-0339







President's Message....



Hello lovely ladies & gentlemen, and Happy November!

The holidays are just around the corner, and we all seem to ramp up our activities with more cooking, baking, shopping, partying, and most importantly, quilting! Whew! I'm tired just writing this! We just get busier this month.

Thank you, busy people, for taking the time to be with your fellow Quilty friends. I love that we as a group are spending more time together, and I am over the moon that so many newcomers are stepping up and helping out as the need arises! You guys rock!

November has lots going on. We will have a guest speaker, Rachel Clark, with her unique vests. I've seen these vests in my travels, and it's always interesting to see the fun ideas people come up with. I'm really looking forward to her presentation!

We have an important duty to perform. We need to vote on 2027's executive board. President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary are to be decided by you, the membership this month. If you are interested in any of these positions, please feel free to let Holly Miner know. Otherwise, the slate is me, Deirdre, Lillian, Kathy Mollet and Rhonda Horne respectively.

Holly Miner was in charge of nominations and we're also voting on Treasurer.

Board positions for 2027 need to be solidified. If you no longer wish to be a part of that position, please let me know so we can find someone to fill your position.

We are also wanting to wrap up the search for our Featured Quilter for 2028. If you have someone in mind, please let us know.

Because we have so many new members, and so many activities throughout the year, I would like to mention our scholarships for members. We do have scholarships so that any active member can still participate in any paying guild activity. If finances are tight but you would like to be a part of a particular action, just let me or that group's chairperson know. We will do our best to make it happen. And yes, we will be discreet.

That's it! That's everything I know!

I will see all your bright shiny faces on Tuesday, November 3,2026 at 6:00 pm at the Nevada City Elks Lodge.

Peace!

Frances O'Brien

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Add to Your November Calendars

General Meeting	6:00 PM	Tuesday, Nov 3rd, 6:00PM	Elk's Lodge, Nevada City, CA
PTQG Board Meeting	3:00 pm	Thursday, Nov 12th, 2026	Ben Franklin
Newsletter Deadline	Evening of	Sunday, Nov 15th	sierrasue@icloud.com
Quilt Show Meeting	1:00PM - 3:00PM	Tuesday, Nov 10th, 2026	Eskaton
Community Service	9 am - 1 pm	Nov 5th and 19th 2026	161 Nevada City Hwy, Nevada City
Home Workshop	9 am - 3 pm	No mtg	Sierra Presbyterian Church
Quilting 101	10am - 2 pm	No mtg	Grass Valley Methodist Church

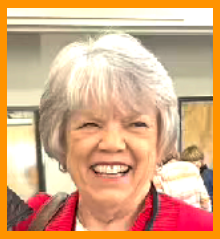
Opportunity Quilt Marketing

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.

If you have questions, call or text Sue Miller, 530-263-0805

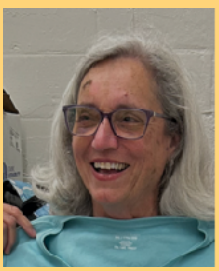


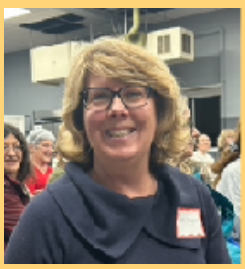
Row-By-Row 2027

Beth Stagner will continue taking sign-ups for next year's Row-By-Row…See her at our meeting in November.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley, Karla Rogers Beth Stagner







PTQG Challenge for 2027 What's Old Is New Again

Autumn Inspiration for Challenge Quilt



As we see Autumn colors surround us, we may become inspired to create our Challenge quilt "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.
- 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.

Kris Cook and Margaret Vodicka, Guild Challenge Co-Chairs

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 is gearing up to complete the outside coverings of pre made insides of dog beds. The dog beds are picked up the first week in December by Maggie from Keller Williams Real Estate. She distributes them to local animal rescues.

Quilts and placemats were given to Meals on Wheels, and quilts to Golden Empire Convalescent Home in the past month.

We are always taking donations of fabric and sewing notions.

As always, anyone with a long arm can help with quilting, especially if you are a beginner.

We meet the first and third Thursdays each month except no third Thursday in April and December.

Community Service is located at the back of Nevada County Historical Society building next to Sierra Presbyterian Church at the wonky corner of Ridge Rd and Nevada City Hwy from 9-1.





Cat Quilts found on Pinterest







Planning is underway for our 2027 Quilt Show. The committee voted that each guild vendor would pay 15% of their total sales at the Country Store. The percentage will be reviewed each year at the Quilt Show wrap up meeting.

The committee will meet again on November 10, 1:00 to 3:00, at Eskaton on Ridge Road.



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.

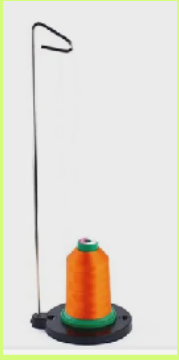
For everyone, we need instructors to share a skill or a project. It's a very informal gathering and we'll offer as much help as you need. It can even be teaching a particular block construction which we could assemble for a Community Service quilt. Of course, you could choose to make a quilt of your 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

As I wrote last month, members at the summer retreat shared their favorite tools. Mellissa appreciates the Guild members sharing their knowledge with her. She has learned so much and made precious friends. Mari likes the long glass head beads because they glide through the fabric and are flexible, plus the heads are pretty! :-)



Betsy shared her use of free standing thread spool holders with Vaughn, who now lists it among her favorites. Of course, she also appreciates rotary cutters. She did mention her least favorite: spending time with "Jack the Ripper" because he points out her mistakes!

Look for more next month!

Membership News

Ruth Bertaccini



Happy fall ya'll! As leaves are falling to the ground, new members are sprouting up and joining our wonderful guild. As Madame President Frances shared at our last board meeting, our Guild hasn't had this number of members since it's early years. We now have 231 members and this month we welcome three newbies--Billie Jo Rice, Gregory Thrush, Tricia Pellegrino and returning member Diane Nagle. Happy sewing as the temperatures drop which for me means a cup of hot tea and starting a new project. Yea!

Also, November is early membership renewal month. Dues remain at $30 for 2027. You can print the form in this newsletter on page 14 and drop it off at the sign-in table or mail it to our PO Box. Additionally, you can renew online with the online form using your credit card. January 15 is the deadline to be included in the 2027 printed roster.

Tangled Threads Thanks our Jamboree Participants

The Tangled Threads mini-group thanks our volunteers, teachers, teacher assistants, bakers, and all other participants for a successful Jamboree.

Ladies on the right, from left to right…..Marjorie Woodall, Margaret Vodicka, Barbara Schakel, Melissa Kriegler, Laura Windus, Beth Stagner, and Rebecca Smith-Lehmann. Two members who helped are not pictured. Laura Waag was off in Europe - she made all our signs. Paula Routh, another of our Tangled Threads was also in Europe - she contributed door prizes.



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.

Many of you have indicated an interest in being in a mini-group. Over the next few months we will be sending out lists and contact information to those of you who are interested. If there are names on the mini group list that you recognize, please contact each other directly. Plan a get together and see if a mini group is a good idea.

After the first of the year we will again have a get-together for those who are still looking for others to complete their mini-group. Watch the newsletter for more information in January.

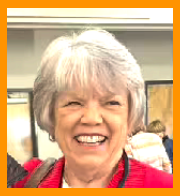
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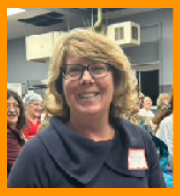
Judy Hamilton



Sue Miller



Beth Stagner

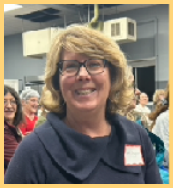






2027 Quilting 101

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 began in October but we still have a few spots plus will create a waiting list, as we often have a few people that end up not able to participate.

Last year we hosted the Q101 class at the Methodist Church in Grass Valley; however, we are in the process of looking for a bit larger space so we may accommodate more participants. Currently, our hope is to find somewhere to meet on the 3rd Thursday each month from January to October 2027 (except April) from 9:00 to 2:30. If we cannot find an alternative location, we will go back to the original schedule of the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Kathy Mollet, Maryann Klingman and I are looking forward to following in the amazing footsteps of Joan Mosley. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Stagner at 925-383-7188 or email at bethstagner@mac.com.

2026 Quilting 101

Joan Mosley

This month's meeting of Quilting 101 will be our last one for 2026. Congratulations to all who participated. We look forward to seeing your beautiful finished projects at our February Guild meeting in 2027. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and I look forward to seeing you at future Guild events.

2026 Opportunity Quilt Marketing

Opportunity Quilt Marketing. The quilt has 5 more visits this year; 4 in October and 1 in November. Each visit usually has two people: driver and shotgun. Soon, there will be sign-ups for 2027 on our website with opportunities to take our quilt on the road and sell tickets. We'll give a blast when the sign-ups are ready.

Thanksgiving weekend (November 27 - 29) is the Christmas Fair at the Fair Grounds. Sign-ups will be on our website if you care to sell tickets and help our quilt be successful.

If you need information, call/text Theresa Finn.







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









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PINE TREE QUILT GUILD
Profit and Loss and Cash on Hand
January - September, 2026 - 75% of the Year Complete

	Actual Total	Revised ANNUAL Budget Total	% of Budget
Total Income	$ 17,089.85	$ 15,500.00	110%
Total Expenses	$ 24,496.04	$ 31,585.00	78%
Net Profit	-$ 7,406.19	-$16,085.00	46%
Show Income	$ 46,945.56		
Show Expense	$ 30,527.93		
Net Profit	$ 16,417.63	$ 9,000.00	182%
Net Profit (Loss)	$ 9,011.44	-$ 7,085.00	127%
Quilt Show Equipment	$ 13,103.03	$ 13,500.00	97%
Cash on Hand	$ 90,757.67		

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

Happy Birthday!

4 Sharon Ellisor
5 Gina Lovejoy
6 Sondra Schwartz
9 Nancyan Tracy
11 Henriette MacDonald
12 Dora Hermansen
12 Joan Mosley
13 Susie Hardy
13 Miriam Limov
14 Ginger Dial
14 Margaret Vodicka
16 Aleta Harvey
17 Nancy Holtz
19 Martha O'Hehir
20 Erin Thompson
21 Ginny Gleason
21 Becky Kyler
22 Lois Farry
25 Donna White
27 Theresa Finn
27 Brandy Minvielle
29 Tiffany Day
29 Stephanie Ortiz
29 Sue Weller
30 Lois Hodges

PTQG Membership Form

The Guild requires EVERYONE to complete a yearly membership form.

Check ONLY One (Required)

- ❑ New Member
- ❑ Renewing Member
- ❑ Lifetime Member
- ❑ Returning Member (after absence)

Dues must be paid by January 15 in order for your name to be included in the next Roster.

☛Mail this form with your check to:
Attn: Membership PTQG
P.O. Box 3133, Grass Valley, CA 95945

If you want to pay by credit card, use our online form at
pinetreequiltguild.com/membership/

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)

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 purchase at least $10.00 worth of tickets. Your ticket stubs can be picked up from our membership table at our Guild meetings.

Donation

Indicate below where your donation should be used: i.e. General funds, Community Service, Scholarship

_____

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: _____

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

FOR GUILD USE ONLY: Amt Paid $_____ Chk # or cash _____ Date Paid _____ Recorded _____

If you want to pay with credit card, go to our website: https://pinetreequiltguild.com/membership-payment/


















"Whenever I see fabric,
I hear TWO voices
in my head.
One of them says,
"Buy the fabric"
& the other one says
"You heard her...
Buy the fabric"






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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